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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *6-15-55*

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - OPERATION ALERT 1955
(June 15, 16, 17)

DATE: June 14, 1955

Tolson ☒
Boardman ☒
Nichols ☒
Belmont ☒
Harbo ☐
Mohr ☐
Parsons ☐
Rosen ☐
Tamm ☐
 Sizoo ☐
Winterrowd ☐
Tele. Room ☐
Holloman ☐
Gandy ☐

Reference is made to my memorandum of June 13, 1955, advising that the Director would be invited to attend a National Security Council meeting at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 16, at

[redacted] which is located 16 miles from [redacted]
It was pointed out in this memorandum that Selective Service has their relocation headquarters at [redacted]

It has now been determined through Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) that Selective Service will participate in this test and is sending 260 people to their site at [redacted]

[redacted] ODM advised that Selective Service has arranged for living quarters for their personnel on the [redacted] Selective Service activity for this test will primarily be with the Man Power Division of ODM.

ACTION:

None. For your information.

JJD:saw
(8)

- 1 - Mr. Boardman
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Holloman
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Roach
- 1 - Mr. McArdle
- 1 - Mr. Daunt

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: June 14, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - OPERATION ALERT 1955

Tolson ✓
Boardman ✓
Belmont ✓
Harbo ✓
Mohr ✓
Parsons ✓
Rosen ✓
Tamm ✓
Sizoo ✓
Winterrowd ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Holloman ✓
Gandy ✓

It is possible that during Operation Alert 1955 calls will be made as a part of the operation to Bureau Headquarters in Washington asking for Bureau officials or personnel relocated at [] during the test period June 15-17.

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Positively no information should be furnished that these individuals are at [] as the Bureau's relocation site is classified information. The caller should be advised that the official is not present and should be requested to leave the name and telephone number and the message will be transmitted to the official being called. It is suggested that after the call has been completed a checkback be made to determine if the call is legitimate or an enterprising newspaperman attempting to pick flaws or test security of Operation Alert 1955.

If the call is legitimate, the Division receiving the call should attempt to handle the matter in the absence of the official being called. If it is a matter that necessarily must be called to the attention of the official at [] this should be done by the receiving official and not by referring the caller to []

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cc - Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Hennrich

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: June 16, 1955

FROM : R. R. Roach

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - OPERATION ALERT 1955
JUNE 15-16-17

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Boardman _____
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Belmont _____
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Tamm _____
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Winterrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
Holloman _____
Gandy _____

At 10:28 a.m., 6/16/55, Agent Daunt called from the Justice site at [redacted] and advised that John Airhart, the Department's relocation officer, had contacted him and stated that if agreeable to the Bureau, he would desire to come to the Bureau's relocation site sometime during the test alert. Airhart stated he had no problems but merely wanted to pay a courtesy call.

I told Daunt that we would be glad to have Mr. Airhart drop in on us at any time during the exercise as his visit to the [redacted] had been mentioned by him some days ago and we had extended an invitation to him. Airhart indicated that it would probably be tomorrow morning (6/17/55) before he would arrive.

ACTION:

None. The above is for your information.

RRR:lw
(7)

1-Mr. Belmont
1-Mr. Roach
1-Mr. Holloman

1-Mr. McArdle
1-Switchboard

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6/20/55
Mr Airhart
asked that come
to Relocation site
during the test

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS
OPERATION ALERT 1955
(June 15, 16, 17)

DATE: June 13,
1955

Tolson ✓
Boardman ✓
Nichols ✓
Belmont ✓
Mohr ✓
Parsons ✓
Rosen ✓
Tamm ✓
 Sizoo ✓
Winterrowd ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Holloman ✓
Gandy ✓

On June 13, 1955, I talked to Mr. Boleyn, of the Bureau of the Budget, relative to his status as inspector at the FBI relocation site during Operation Alert 1955, and inquired whether he will have reason to discuss anything with the Director while he is at [] and, particularly, whether he will have occasion to talk to the Director concerning administrative planning of the Bureau in anticipation of and during this alert.

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Mr. Boleyn stated he does not intend to ask to see the Director as any questions he may have can be answered by me or other officials at []. Mr. Boleyn said that if the Director wants to see him concerning any matter, he is, of course, available at any time, but he does not anticipate it will be necessary to take up any matters with the Director.

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Arrangements were made for Mr. Boleyn to confer with Mr. McArdle and myself on the afternoon of June 14 to answer any questions he may want answered in advance of the test.

For your information.

AHB:LL
(7)

cc--Mr. Boardman
cc--Mr. Mohr
cc--Mr. Holloman
cc--Mr. Belmont
cc--Mr. Roach
cc--Mr. McArdle

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ADDENDUM BY MR. TOLSON 6/13/55 CT:LCB

I have asked Mr. Belmont to furnish you with a memorandum as to the succession of command in the Bureau, merely for your information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: May 4, 1955

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS - ESSENTIAL RECORDS

Tolson _____
 Boardman _____
 Nichols _____
 Belmont _____
 Harbo _____
 Mohr _____
 Parsons _____
 Rosen _____
 Tamm _____
 Sizoo _____
 Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

Special Agent Edward S. Sanders maintains the official records of the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference in Room 7635. Since these IIC records are in Bureau custody, it is believed that the Bureau has the responsibility to make provision for the records essential to the operation of the IIC to be microfilmed in order that the film could be utilized in the event the original records are destroyed during an emergency.

It is believed that only the minutes of the IIC meetings, not the Working Committee meetings, and certain selected documents such as the IIC Charter should be microfilmed.

The IIC minutes reflect an analysis of all matters handled by the IIC as well as the IIC position and actions taken in connection therewith. This would eliminate the necessity for microfilming the large number of documents and studies which have been received by the IIC for comment or action. It would involve microfilming only approximately 1250 pages at a total cost of about \$12.50.

The other members of the IIC have approved the microfilming of these records.

ACTION:

It is recommended that the IIC minutes and certain IIC documents be microfilmed in connection with the Bureau's war plans and that the microfilm be stored at Quantico. Only the essential IIC records would be microfilmed.

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 (6)

- 1-Mr. Boardman
- 1-Mr. Belmont
- 1-Mr. McArdle
- 1-Mr. Sanders
- 1-Section Tickler

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, General Joseph
M. Swing, Mr. John Airhart and Mr.
J. Walter Yeagley
FROM : John V. Lindsay
Executive Assistant to the Attorney General
SUBJECT:

DATE: June 9, 1955

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sizoo	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Kindly plan on being present at a meeting in the
Attorney General's office at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 14,
to review plans for the following three days:

*See me have concise
memo of our plans*

cc Mr. Tompkins

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*Memo: Narcis Tolson Boardman
Belmont
6-16-55
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*A. memo from
Mr. Boardman
to Mr. Tolson
6/10/55*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Parsons

DATE: 6-3-55

FROM : R. L. Millen

SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS - COMMUNICATIONS
(Bufile 66-17385)

Tolson	
Boardman	
Nichols	
Belmont	
Mohr	
Parsons	
Rosen	
Tamm	
Sizoo	
Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Holloman	
Gandy	

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In order to provide adequate communications facilities in the event of the evacuation of Washington, it is believed we should, as an interim measure, obtain a [redacted]

Our main [redacted] presently in [redacted] and being moved to [redacted] can handle a substantial volume of traffic with the field. However, these facilities cannot be utilized to best advantage without a means of relaying the traffic to and from the relocation site. At such time as a relocation site which can be made immediately operable is obtained, permanent facilities may be installed. However, in order to be prepared for an emergency prior to completion of permanent ready-to-go facilities, [redacted] appears to be the best solution.

Enclosure (1) *sent 5-8-55*

1 - Mr. McArdle

AJB:ctw

(6) *CTW*

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Memorandum to Mr. Parsons from R. L. Millen

6-3-55

RE: BUREAU WAR PLANS - COMMUNICATIONS

There appears to be no disadvantage to obtaining the equipment. The equipment would be kept at [] for the present where it could be used to supplement existing []

b7E

This matter has been discussed with and concurred in by the War Plans Supervisor in the Domestic Intelligence Division. A suggested letter prepared in accordance with discussions with the [] is attached for approval.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

2. That the attached letter be forwarded to the Assistant []

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ADDENDUM: (DJP:edm, 6/7/55) []

D. J. Parsons

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 6-10-55

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - COMMUNICATIONS
~~X~~(CAPCOMM) - ~~X~~COMMUNICATIONS OPERATORS' INSTRUCTIONS
~~X~~CRYPTOGRAPHIC SECURITY

Tolson _____
 Boardman _____
 Nichols _____
 Belmont _____
 Harbo _____
 Mohr _____
 Parsons _____
 Rosen _____
 Tamm _____
 Sizoo _____
 Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

N.S.A. regulations require that the admittance to cryptocenters be restricted to:

(1) Those whose names appear on a list of authorized personnel which shall be posted inside the cryptocenter. The list should include all persons employed in the cryptocenter and all other persons whose duties may require their being admitted.

(2) Those who carry specific authorization from the agency head and are introduced by an authorized person. The arrival and departure of any such person shall be recorded in a visitor's register, which shall note the date, the visitor's signature, his rank or position, organization represented, purpose of visit, person authorizing visit and time in and out.

Unless advised to the contrary by the Director, the list of authorized persons will include the following:

The Director
 Mr. Tolson

Mr. Nichols
 Mr. Mohr
 Mr. DeLoach
 Mr. Parsons or his alternate
 Mr. Downing

LEW:ml
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cc: Mr. Holloman
 Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Parsons
 Mr. Mohr

Mr. DeLoach
 Mr. Downing
 Miss Wassink

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Mr. Wherry - Chief of Communications and
his alternate Mr. Frank
Mr. Olson - Armed Guard

Code Clerks:



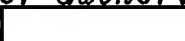
Teletype Operators:



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Mr. William A. Boleyn, Bureau of the Budget employee, is representing the Office of Defense Mobilization as their official inspector at our relocation site during the test exercise June 15, 16 and 17 next.

ACTION: -

Unless advised to the contrary we will assume that the Director authorizes the above list of Bureau employees to have access to our  cryptocenter and authorizes Mr. Boleyn such entry provided he is accompanied by a Bureau official on the list.

b7E

Handwritten signatures and initials:
JTB ✓ QM H. von JTB JTB

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: June 11, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS
RELOCATION TEST, JUNE 15, 16, 17, 1955

Tolson	✓
Boardman	✓
Nichols	✓
Belmont	✓
Harbo	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Sizoo	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

On the evening of June 10, 1955, Walter Yeagley of the Department called to advise that by memorandum to the Attorney General from the Office of Defense Mobilization dated June 6, 1955, the Attorney General was advised that the agenda for the first day (June 15) of "Operation Alert 1955" calls for a conference on cabinet level at [redacted] The agenda lists a briefing from 5:30 to 6 P.M. in which the Attorney General will take part. His subject will be internal security conditions as of 3 days after an attack. b7E

Yeagley said that Internal Security Division is working up a brief for the Attorney General to use in this briefing and they contemplate keeping the briefing rather general covering such things as a general statement that the Emergency Detention Program was a certain percent completed, etc. Yeagley said that he had contacted ODEM to see what action might flow from statements made by the Attorney General and that he was advised that information furnished by the Attorney General would "be fed into the machine" as part of the problems to be worked for the remainder of the relocation test. Yeagley suggested that we get together with the Department to work-up this brief in order that no statements would be made by the Attorney General which would place a burden on the Bureau during the test.

I told Yeagley that the Department should work-up a brief but that we would get together with him Monday morning, June 13, 1955, to see what he is putting in the brief insofar as any burden on the FBI is concerned. I pointed out to him that from the standpoint of security the brief should be very carefully worded both as to the Emergency Detention Program and any statements concerning a simulated sabotage problem or anything of that nature which might leak out and cause alarm.

Ticklers: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Roach
Mr. McArdle

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Memorandum to Mr. Boardman

I pointed out that while we are simulating problems we are not putting out information over the air or by any means of communication which could be misunderstood or cause alarm.

RECOMMENDATION:

If you agree we will contact Yeagley on the morning of June 13, 1955, to see just what he intends to furnish the Attorney General. Our position should be that the Attorney General should not make any startling statements which will pose a security risk or any statements which would result in war game problems being thrown at the FBI during this test.

OK. but don't assist
in Dept in preparing
the brief. That is the
Dept's responsibility.
Only say that nothing
is included which
adversely affects
Bureau's interests or
operations.

H. Belmont
9:50 AM 6/13/55
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: June 13, 1955

FROM : A. H. Belmont

Tolson ✓
Boardman ✓
Nichols ✓
Belmont ✓
Harbo ✓
Mohr ✓
Parsons ✓
Rosen ✓
Tamm ✓
 Sizoo ✓
Winterrowd ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Holloman ✓
Gandy ✓

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - EMERGENCY RELOCATION TEST, JUNE 15, 16, 17, 1955

SYNOPSIS:

Reference is made to my earlier memorandum today to which was attached a proposed brief to be used by the Attorney General for conference on Cabinet-level at [] June 15, 1955. b7E

Statements in proposed brief are not predicated upon recognizable facts, nor could they be factually supported. For a person of Attorney General's stature to make such statements would not only make him appear silly but would create impression of ineptness on part of the Bureau. Attorney General's comments should be dignified, dispassionate account of implementation of simulated program connected with this exercise. Such presentation would minimize public comment or criticism if they became known.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. This is for your information, inasmuch as this brief reportedly will be subject of discussion at Attorney General's conference, 2:30 p.m., 6/14/55.

FJB:LW:fjm:311
(8) Jdd

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cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Roach
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. McArdle
Mr. Whitson
Mr. Cox

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Observations
on Pages 6 and 7
appear sound

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Enclosure

ENCLOSURE

1. I had Belmont orally express our views to Tompkins Div.
2. I also did the same at A. G. meeting on June 14. The original brief has been discarded.

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one more in line with our views
views expressed the A. G. Tompkins H.

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

DETAILS:

Reference is made to my earlier memorandum today to which was attached a proposed brief to be used by the Attorney General for conference on Cabinet-level at [] June 15, 1955, and which will be the subject of discussion at the Attorney General's conference at 2:30 p.m., 6/14/55.

b7E

The entire statement which has been proposed for the Attorney General to make at [] on June 15 is not predicated upon any demonstratable facts or even related to any specific enemy attack. Therefore, the proposed statement as it now stands would place the Attorney General in the ridiculous position of playing games from which no planning value could be assessed since even though simulated, they are not drawn from any related factual situations.

AG Brief:

Paragraph 2 on page 1 reflects that the Emergency Detention Program has been placed into operation but that due to casualties in bombed-out areas, difficulty has been experienced in locating subversives evacuated from those areas and that approximately 60% of the persons marked for detention had been picked up.

Comment:

Inasmuch as there has not been indicated what cities were bombed out, there is no way in which the Attorney General could draw an assumption that only 60% marked for detention had been picked up. If heavy industrialized areas are bombed and casualties are heavy that fact will have a bearing on our ability to apprehend Security Index subjects in those areas. However, if our cities have not been bombed at the time the Emergency Detention Program is placed into operation, we expect to have apprehended a much higher percentage than 60% of the subjects at the end of three days.

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AG Brief:

Paragraph 3, page 1, reflects the Attorney General has been advised that 40% of the dangerous aliens had been detained. In this connection, it was indicated that many of dangerous enemy aliens were located in large metropolitan areas and might be casualties.

Comment:

It is difficult to understand why the proposed brief would make a point regarding dangerous enemy aliens in connection with our Emergency Detention Program since the Program applies to both citizens and aliens alike. There are very few aliens listed, comparatively speaking, in our Security Index. The number is less than 500. It is obvious that the 40%-figure is plucked out of the air and has no basis in fact whatever under any reasonable assumed conditions.

AG Brief:

Paragraph 4, page 1, reflects that efforts are being made to bring court proceedings on behalf of those detained under the Emergency Detention Program to test the validity of the Government's action within the next 10 days.

Comment:

If this statement is to be used, it would appear it would be more effective if the Attorney General would indicate that his office was preparing the Government's case inasmuch as the whole Emergency Detention Program would be tested in a court action of this nature.

AG Brief:

Paragraph 1, page 2, reflects that the FBI had interned most of the diplomatic corps in Washington but that ten persons, last known to have been in their embassy recreation areas on Chesapeake Bay have disappeared. Furthermore, it would appear from crates that had been found open on the summer cottage premises

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

that these missing persons may be in possession of fission weapons.

Comment:

This statement makes the FBI appear inept in its handling of the diplomatic program. During the summer months most of the dependents of diplomatic personnel assigned to the Soviet Embassy, for example, stay at the Chesapeake Bay area all week long and a large percentage of the Embassy officials and employees are on the Bay during the weekends. For this reason, immediate steps would be taken in the event diplomatic program was instituted to block the roads of access to Bay resort areas. For this reason, it would be much easier to confide diplomatic personnel of an enemy country in the Bay area than it would be to relocate them within the District of Columbia.

The assumption regarding assembly of fission weapons at a beach resort is not in accordance with sound operations since the enemy embassies would be much more secure for such purposes than the beach resort. If a statement by the Attorney General to this effect leaked to the press, there could be a most unwholesome reaction.

AG Brief:

Paragraph 2, page 2, reflects that even less success was achieved by the FBI in the internment of enemy personnel attached to the UN.

Comment:

This again is an unwarranted reflection upon the FBI planning and operation in the New York area. Short of an atomic disaster in New York, the operations there should be comparable to those in Washington.

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

AG Brief:

Paragraph 3, page 2, reflects in part that the [] b7E [] was the signal by which Communist Party members were to commit acts of sabotage, including dissemination of rumors tending to incite panic and disrupt evacuation of civilians personnel from target areas. It further reflected every Bureau office had been flooded with reports of alleged sabotage, some of which were traceable to this cause and others to a feeling of panic and hysteria that had been anticipated.

Comment:

There is no reason why this statement could not be used in the event the Attorney General decides to use this proposed brief.

AG Brief:

Paragraph 3, page 2, in part further reflects that some of the most serious damage resulting from direct enemy action had been traced to pre-arranged plans of sabotage.

Comment:

This statement by the Attorney General might lead those in attendance at the conference to believe the Communists actually have pre-arranged plans to commit sabotage. We have no information that any such plans are in existence and we have made specific investigative efforts to determine whether any such plans are in existence. All of the information which we can develop indicates the Communists have no pre-arranged plans to commit sabotage in the U.S. during an emergency. If such a statement became public knowledge, it would undoubtedly create the impression that such plans are in existence and that the FBI would be powerless to prevent them in the event of a real emergency. It would appear that this would be a very dangerous statement for the Attorney General to make. Although the Communists do not have any specific sabotage plans, it is inherent in the Communist doctrine for Communist members to commit sabotage if such action would benefit Russia.

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

AG Brief:

Ingredient for aviation gas,
Paragraph 3, page 2 continuing to the top of page 3, reflects in part that the FBI had traced the ^{stoppage of} production of ~~stoppage of~~ tetraethyllead at the Baton Rouge plant of the Ethyl Corporation to fires in the transformers caused by incendiary bullets. The damage would probably take from 3 to 8 months to restore the plant to normal production which is in excess of 90% of the total output of tetraethyllead in the U. S.

Comment:

Sabotage of this type plant was surveyed during the study made in 1954 by the IIC and ICIS. The Baton Rouge plant of the Ethyl Corporation is only one of three major producers of this product. It is less susceptible to this type of sabotage envisaged than a similar plant at Deepwater, New Jersey. An FBI investigation would not be necessary to recognize transformer fires in an ethyl plant. This would be apparent to anyone in the vicinity. This type of statement could lay the Attorney General open to ridicule and should not be used.

AG Brief:

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Paragraph 3, page 3, reflects the FBI has located a large mortar-like device in a garage near Carswell Air (Force) Base which is presumed to have been used to launch two fission weapons which destroyed the field at the Base only a short time after the Strategic Air Command's bombers had left the Base.

Comment:

This is a silly type of statement for any responsible Government official to make. It would be expecting too much for Soviet agents to waste two valuable atomic weapons on an empty air-strip.

AG Brief:

Paragraph 4, page 3, reflects the FBI investigative reports based on information received from FCDA* and other sources regarding the incidences of the outbreak of diseases of unusual virulence may indicate biological warfare activity in several areas of the U. S.

*Federal Civil Defense Administration

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

Comment:

The Attorney General in making an announcement regarding the outbreak of virulent disease which would indicate biological warfare would in the normal course of things pinpoint the area in which these outbreaks had occurred. Actually even though he did not advise the identity of the diseases he should indicate the steps which were being taken by responsible authority to counteract their spread. The proposed statement leaves all this hanging in the air and consequently subject to criticism.

OBSERVATIONS:

The material prepared for the Attorney General by the Internal Security Division of the Department is wholly assumed and has no relation in fact to actual problems and is not of such character as befits the dignity of the Office of the Attorney General of the United States. It would appear to be far better for the Attorney General to make a factual statement concerning the progress made on problems being carried out by the Department and the FBI in connection with the test operation than to use the material that was prepared for him by the Internal Security Division of the Department.

There is set out below a brief outline of some of the subjects the Attorney General might wish to report on at the conference.

(1) Immediately after the test alert was sounded the Department successfully relocated its essential personnel to its relocation site. The operation was carried out smoothly and without incident and the Department is carrying on its functions at the relocation site.

(2) The FBI relocated its necessary personnel as planned. From the relocation site the FBI immediately contacted all 52 of its field offices by telecommunications including field relocation sites as a test of communications.

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

(3) The FBI executed certain field problems simulating the programs which they will be expected to carry out during an actual emergency, in all offices.

(4) The President has issued a proclamation calling upon all citizens to report all acts of subversion and sabotage to the FBI promptly. In addition, I have called upon all citizens and law enforcement agencies to promptly notify the FBI regarding any subversive acts or sabotage.

(5) During the course of the alert we have tested plans for the detention of dangerous individuals during an emergency and have found that it has proceeded as planned except in those areas which have been declared bombed under the test program.

(6) We have found from the test problems we have worked on during "Operation Alert 1955" that the plans of the Department and the FBI for protecting the internal security of the nation in time of an emergency are sound and from our experience in this test I am confident they can be successfully carried out during a real emergency.

There is attached for your further information a Photostat of the material which was prepared for the Attorney General by the Internal Security Division of the Department.

JS [Signature] [Signature]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: June 13, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS
RELOCATION TEST, JUNE 15, 16, 17, 1955

Tolson	_____
Boardman	_____
Nichols	_____
Belmont	_____
Harbo	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
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Tamm	_____
Sizoo	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

Remymemo June 11, 1955, advising that the Internal Security Division of the Department was working up a brief for the Attorney General's use when he briefs a conference on Cabinet level at [] between 5:30 and 6 p.m. on June 15, 1955. His subject will be internal security conditions as of 3 days after an attack.

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Attached is the proposed brief to be used by the Attorney General which was furnished this afternoon by Mr. Yeagley and Mr. Foley of the Department. We are analyzing this proposed brief and will furnish you a memorandum containing our objections inasmuch as this will be the subject of discussion at the Attorney General's conference at 2:30 p.m. on June 14, 1955.

Frankly, I think it would be far better if the Attorney General took a dignified position during the briefing rather than to play war games as indicated in this proposed brief.

The portion of the statement dealing with 10 members of enemy diplomatic corps being missing with the presumption that they may be in possession of fission weapons appears objectionable. In fact, while there is supposed to be a high degree of secrecy at this briefing, there is no assurance that publicity may not result from the Attorney General's statement and it appears undesirable for him to make statements such as contained in this brief on a purely supposititious basis.

Attached also is a Photostat furnished this afternoon by Yeagley of the agenda of the "Interim Assembly" to be held at [] On page 3 mention is made of the briefing, a portion of which the Attorney General will handle.

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ACTION:

Our analysis of the proposed brief for the Attorney General will be prepared tonight.

Enclosures

cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Roach
Mr. McArdle

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: June 14,
1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS
OPERATION ALERT 1955 (June 15, 16 and 17)

Tolson
Boardman
Nichols
Belmont
Harbo
Mohr
Parsons
Rosen
Tamm
 Sizoo
Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Holloman
Gandy

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My memorandum of June 13, 1955, showed the proposed brief to be used by the Attorney General at conference on Cabinet level at [] June 15, 1955, and our objections to it.

Pursuant to instructions, Section Chief Roach and I conferred personally with Walt Yeagley and William Foley of the Department this morning (June 14) and pointed out the objections we had to this proposed brief. While we were there, Mr. Tompkins came in and our objections were reiterated to him.

Besides the specific objections, we pointed out that the Attorney General would be making supposititious statements not based on fact nor on a factual background and, in the event he were asked questions, he would have nothing factual to fall back on; further, the brief did not present the Department nor the FBI in a good light, as it indicated loopholes exist which could be plugged at this time and that this is not factual.

Mr. Yeagley said he thought the Attorney General should not paint too rosy a picture, as this would open him up to criticism; rather, he should attempt to point out, by examples, some of the real problems which do exist. I told him there was no objection to this, certainly, but any examples should be of a factual nature that could be backed up--for example, there is no objection to showing that the Communist Party doctrine would subscribe to sabotage in an emergency and that the FBI would receive a flood of calls on subversive activities and sabotage--however, the Attorney General should point out that the calls were receiving attention and immediate investigation and that what appeared to be Communist propaganda was being run out immediately and any sabotage complaints were

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cc--Mr. Boardman
cc--Mr. Nichols
cc--Mr. Belmont
cc--Mr. Roach
cc--Mr. McArdle

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Memo to Boardman from Belmont

June 14, 1955

Re: OPERATION ALERT 1955

being checked at once. If specific examples were used of a plant or plants sabotages, the Attorney General should state that the matter was receiving immediate investigation and that suspects had been developed. If examples of enemy espionage agents were cited, it should be shown that the FBI had the matter in hand or was conducting immediate investigation. In other words, any examples used should show an alert, aggressive handling by the Department and the FBI and should be based on a factual situation rather than vague imaginings of diplomats carrying fissionable material.

I briefly outlined the fact that we are going to run tests at [] simulating alerting our offices, simulating the Emergency Detention Program and the Detention of Enemy Diplomats, as well as sabotage and espionage cases, and even availability checks of our agents.

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Tompkins, Yeagley and Foley agreed with our objections and said they were going to try to work up another statement for the Attorney General's conference at 2:30 p.m. today (June 14), but might not be able to do so and might have to discuss it orally at the conference. Yeagley asked if I would dictate a statement. I told him no.

Attached is a Photostat of a memorandum to Rankin by Mr. Ford of the Department, dated June 9, 1955, which was given to me by Yeagley this morning. This reflects conditions that will exist at [] on June 15.

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Point 3 indicates that the Attorney General may be declared a casualty and that Rogers will run the Department.

Point 7 states that subjects to be discussed at [] will include internal security proclamations.

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|| Point 8 states there will be about 500 surprise problems.

Point 11 reflects the Department has failed to set up teletype security at []

Point 12 mentions liaison representatives. Ours is J. J. Daunt, and the Department has been advised.

Memo to Boardman from Belmont

June 14, 1955

Re: OPERATION ALERT 1955

ACTION:

For your information. You will be advised immediately if another statement is given to us by the Department.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: June 14, 1955

FROM : R. R. Roach

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS
RELOCATION TEST JUNE 15, 16, 17, 1955

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Boardman _____
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Belmont _____
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Tele. Room _____
Holloman _____
Gandy _____

By memorandum dated June 13, 1955, you were advised of the President's plan to be at [redacted]

[redacted] on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, June 15, to hold a meeting of the Inter-assembly Group. It was pointed out that according to Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) officials availability of key government personnel would be stressed at this meeting. Walter F. Woods, Liaison Section, has now been confidentially advised that although the President will proceed to Camp David following the meeting on Wednesday, he will return to [redacted] sometime Friday, June 17. This was a subject of discussion at an ODM staff meeting held in Dr. Flemming's (Director of ODM) Office today. The President's purpose will be to spot check availability of key government officials and determine the length of time it will take such officials to convene at a given spot.

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William Elliott, Security Office, ODM, who was in attendance at this meeting, told Woods that Dr. Flemming also mentioned that in conversation with the President last week he, the President, told Flemming that he did not want this test "bogged down" with a lot of miscellaneous problems but rather his primary interest is in availability and communications.

ACTION:

For information.

WFW:jlf
(7)

- 1 - Mr. Boardman
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Nichols
- 1 - Mr. McArdle
- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - Mr. Woods

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *WJ*

DATE: June 14, 1955

FROM : R. R. Roach *RR*SUBJECT: WAR PLANS
RELOCATION TEST JUNE 15, 16, 17, 1955

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Belmont	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Harbo	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Sizoo	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

By memorandum dated June 3, 1955, captioned "Theodore F. Koop, Director of Washington News and Public Affairs, Columbia Broadcasting System, Information Concerning," you were advised that Mr. Koop would in the event of activation of censorship be the Director of the Office of Censorship.

On June 14, 1955, Mr. Joseph Musick, Office of Defense Mobilization, advised Walter F. Woods, Liaison Section, that although the Office of Censorship has not as yet been established, a group of individuals concerned with censorship matters will, during the relocation test, proceed to [redacted] for the three day test period. Musick advised that this group would be headed by Theodore Koop and will include representatives from ODM and the military. Musick advised that their test problems will concern the military only in so far as censorship of postal and telecommunications is concerned.

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ACTION:

For information.

WFW:jlf
(7)

- 1 - Mr. Boardman
- 1 - Mr. Nichols
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. McArdle
- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - Mr. Woods

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: June 15, 1955

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: PRESS INQUIRIES

Tolson ✓
 Boardman ✓
 Nichols ✓
 Belmont ✓
 Harbo ✓
 Mohr ✓
 Parsons ✓
 Rosen ✓
 Tamm ✓
 Sizoo ✓
 Winterrowd ✓
 Tele. Room ✓
 Holloman ✓
 Gandy ✓

At 5:45 p.m., we received a telephone call from "Quarterback," the Public Information Service of the Federal Civil Defense Administration at [redacted] advising that press inquiries had been received re following: "Can FBI advise what special measures are being taken re security matters during these exercises, or would be taken if actual emergency existed."

The caller who identified himself as one Bill Schorbel, was advised that we had absolutely "no comment" to make.

From his remarks, it would appear that Schorbel's usage of the code word "Quarterback" would indicate he is an employee of the Public Information Service of Civil Defense and that he is relaying press inquiries received by Civil Defense. At conclusion of conversation, Schorbel stated he wanted name of FBI representative talking for press release purposes. He was told this was not considered necessary.

ACTION: For information

CDD:FML
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CC - Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. R. R. Roach *RR*

DATE: June 17, 1955

FROM : S. D. Ellis *SE*SUBJECT: TEST EVACUATION (*operational*)

Tolson _____
 Boardman _____
 Nichols _____
 Belmont _____
 Harbo _____
 Mohr _____
 Parsons _____
 Rosen _____
 Tamm _____
 Sizoo _____
 Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

At approximately 1:00 p.m., June 17, 1955, the National Security Agency discontinued sending dispatches to

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RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

SDE:jlf *gf*

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- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - Mr. Ellis

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT
MR. NICHOLS
MR. HARBO
MR. MOHR
MR. HOLLOMAN

In connection with the attached memorandum of June 16, from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman, explaining the unavailability of the Special Agents in Charge of seven of our Field Divisions when the Bureau first contacted these Divisions incident to "Operation Alert - 1955, Warning to Field Offices," on June 15, 1955, I have a number of observations which I desire to make.

In the first place, it is quite obvious that some of our Field executives did not consider this project of prime importance and, from the recommendations made by Mr. Belmont, Mr. Boardman, and Mr. Holloman, I would assume that they did not sense completely the vital importance of the operation.

It was known for some time in advance that there would be such an "Operation Alert" and that the Bureau would play a major part in it. In connection with the recommendations which have been made in the attached memorandum and with some of which I heartily disagree, there was no excuse whatsoever why both the Special Agent in Charge and the Assistant Special Agent in Charge should not have been on duty at the time the first message was placed. The taking of annual leave, the making of speeches, and the adherence to a strict schedule of obtaining nourishment seem to me to be matters of most secondary importance. It had been indicated far in advance as to the time when the operation would take effect and yet, as indicated in the attached memorandum, it was impossible to get in touch with the ranking official of seven of our Field Divisions.

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Boardman _____
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Belmont _____
Harbo _____
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Parsons _____
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 Sizoo _____
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Tele. Room _____
Holloman _____

I have made certain inquiries concerning aspects of this and would like to have a prompt reply.

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SENT FROM D. O.	
TIME	3:25 PM
DATE	6/17/55
BY	PLW

Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, Boardman, Belmont,
Nichols, Harbo, Mohr, Holloman

June 17, 1955

It seems to me that when the President of the United States and all of the top-ranking officials of Government inconvenience themselves to the extent of personal participation in this operation, we have a right to expect that officials in charge of our Field operations should make the same sacrifice. I happen to know that those of the FBI personnel at headquarters, who actively participated in this operation at our headquarters at [REDACTED] were not able to adhere to any schedule of personal convenience and certainly the Associate Director and several of the Resident Agents and Liaison Representatives and myself on June 16 were not able to follow normal procedures nor adhere to any regular schedule of nourishment.

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It is significant to note, I think, that in four of the seven offices the Special Agents in Charge were already on probation for not properly handling their Division operations in other matters prior to the "Operation Alert."

I think that an SAC Letter should be sent to all of our Special Agents in Charge, pointing out the concern which the headquarters of the Bureau feels about the manifest indifference upon the part of seven of our Field Offices who were called upon to participate in "Operation Alert" and that such an attitude will not be tolerated in the future but will meet with immediate removal of the official manifesting such indifference.

Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover
Director

Attachment

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols ✓

FROM *LEW* L. E. Wherry, Jr.

DATE: 6-10-55

SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS *FOR OPERATION ALERT*
 RADIO COVERAGE DURING OPERATION ALERT
 JUNE 15, 16 AND 17, 1955

Tolson _____
 Boardman _____
 Nichols ✓
 Belmont ✓
 Harbo ✓
 Mohr ✓
 Parsons _____
 Rosen _____
 Sizoo _____
 Tamm _____
 Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

The following offices will not provide CW radio coverage during the test alert:



Operators at [redacted] will be on annual leave and those at [redacted] will be on military training leave. Each of these offices has only one CW Radio Operator.

RECOMMENDATIONS:-

That for the purposes of this test that leave not be cancelled or operators transferred from other offices to provide radio coverage for these particular offices.

LEW:ml
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cc: Mr. Belmont
 Attention: Mr. McArdle

The fact that there would be no radio operator on duty at the above offices 6/15-17/55 was taken into consideration in working out the problems/gm 6/21/55

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *6-15-55*

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - OPERATION ALERT 1955

DATE: June 14, 1955

Tolson ☒

Boardman ☒

Nichols ☒

Belmont ☒

Harbo ☒

Mohr ☒

Parsons ☒

Rosen ☒

Tamm ☒

Sizoo ☒

Winterrowd ☒

Tele. Room ☒

Holloman ☒

Gandy ☒

A check was made with each Liaison Agent except Mr. W. F. Woods and it was verified that each of them has in his personal possession telephone numbers and teletype call numbers for [redacted] Mr. W. F. Woods was already en route to [redacted] He was, however, furnished the telephone numbers and teletype call numbers with the possible exception of the number for the third ^{teletype} machine which has most recently been installed at [redacted]

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RECOMMENDATION:

None. This is for your information.

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LHM:fjm *7/11*
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cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Roach
Mr. McArdle

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUN 15 1955

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U R G E N T

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Boardman ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Harbo ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Parsons ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Sizoo ✓
Mr. Winterrowd ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

FBI NORFOLK

6-15-55

DIRECTOR

ATT. ASST DIRECTOR BELMONT

SURVEY FOR NEW RELOCATION SITE.

ADVISED CONTROLLING INTERESTS IN

HELD BY [REDACTED] OF RH, AND [REDACTED]

BELIEVES CONTEMPLATED [REDACTED] WOULD BE "BAD BUSINESS" FOR HIM

FROM MONETARY STANDPOINT BUT WILL GIVE MATTER FURTHER CONSIDERATION
AFTER ANSWERS RECEIVED TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. (ONE) - HOW MUCH SPACE
PRESENTLY NEEDED FOR STAND-BY FACILITIES. (TWO) - HOW MUCH PERSONNEL
WOULD BE INVOLVED IN MAINTAINING AND OPERATING STAND-BY FACILITIES.

THREE - WHAT SECURITY PRECAUTIONS WOULD IT BE NECESSARY FOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO TAKE. (FOUR) - EXACTLY WHAT, ACCORDING TO BUREAU-S
DEFINITION, CONSTITUTES "EMERGENCY" UNQUOTE. (FIVE) - DOES BUREAU

INTERPOSE ANY OBJECTION TO [REDACTED] DISCUSSION OF MATTER WITH [REDACTED]

AND [REDACTED] ON HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. [REDACTED] PREFERS OPPORTUNITY

TO CONTACT [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] PRIOR TO CONTACT WITH THOSE INDIVIDUALS

BY BUREAU. [REDACTED] WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR RECONTACT UP TO JUNE TWENTY-

THIRD NEXT WHEN HE ANTICIPATES TRAVELLING OUT OF AREA. SUGGEST BUREAU

REQUEST RH AND BA DISCREETLY DETERMINE RELIABILITY OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IF FOUND RELIABLE, SUGGEST BUREAU FURNISH AS MUCH INFO AS

CONSIDERED FEASIBLE IN RESPONSE TO [REDACTED] SPECIFIC QUESTIONS. ALSO

RECOMMEND BUREAU AUTHORIZE RECONTACT WITH [REDACTED] AND AUTHORIZE

FURNISHING NECESSARY INFO TO [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] TO DISCUSS

MATTER WITH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] FOR PURPOSE OF LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS. AIRTEL FOLLOWS.

Mr. Belmont

Mr. Mohr

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *per*

DATE: June 15, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols *per*SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS
COMMUNICATIONS TROUBLE ON CIRCUIT 1017
TELEPHONE LINE FROM [redacted]

Tolson	_____
Boardman	_____
Nichols	_____
Belmont	_____
Harbo	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Sizoo	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
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On receipt of advice from [redacted] that trouble had developed on the [redacted] telephone direct line, inquiry was made of the test board at AT&T in Washington and through the Central Telephone Company at [redacted] as to the cause of the trouble. [redacted] of the Long Lines Division, AT&T, advised that the circuit was malfunctioning from 12:40 p.m. to 1:55 p.m. today and the trouble was located on the east-west line 8nd carrier between [redacted] and service fully restored at 1:55 p.m., it being noted that the leg of the circuit from [redacted] was in proper operational condition. The trouble was located in the Central office equipment running between [redacted] Both locations had to be checked and the circuits readjusted.

cc: Mr. Belmont
Mr. Wherry, at [redacted]
Mr. DeLoach, at [redacted]

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Bureau War Plans - Emergency Headquarters for 301

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: June 15, 1955

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1955
Warning to Field Offices

Tolson ☒
Boardman ☒
Nichols ☒
Belmont ☒
Harbo ☒
Mohr ☒
Parsons ☒
Rosen ☒
Tamm ☒
Sizoo ☒
Winterrowd ☒
Tele. Room ☒
Holloman ☒
Gandy ☒

Mr. Baumgardner's memorandum to Mr. Belmont June 15, 1955, pointed out that there was difficulty in establishing contact with the Washington Field Relocation Site [redacted] at 12:33 p.m. The message was eventually sent by teletype at 1:34 p.m. The [redacted] line had previously been checked by both Messrs. DeLoach and Wherry and found to be satisfactory.

Contact has been made with the Telephone Company relative to this matter. The test board of American Telephone and Telegraph advises that the circuit to [redacted] between 12:30 p.m. and 1:55 p.m., June 15, 1955, (circuit No. [redacted]) was out of order due to trouble which was eventually located on the east-west end carrier between [redacted]. This was corrected and service was restored at 1:55 p.m. Basically, AT&T representatives explained that the trouble developed in a central office connection and not on the [redacted] line. However, the reason for the considerable delay between 12:30 p.m. and 1:55 p.m. was due to the necessity of checking both ends of the line. They have assured us the difficulty was of a temporary nature and that it has been fully corrected.

ACTION: For information

CDD:FML
(5)CC - Mr. Belmont
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Wherry

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LIAISON

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *✓*
 FROM : L. B. Nichols

DATE: June 15, 1955

SUBJECT:

Tolson ☒
 Boardman ☒
 Nichols ☒
 Belmont ☒
 Harbo ☒
 Mohr ☒
 Parsons ☒
 Rosen ☒
 Tamm ☒
 Sizoo ☒
 Winterrowd ☒
 Tele. Room ☒
 Holloman ☒
 Gandy ☒

For record purposes, at 11:45 a.m. today, Jack Adams of Associated Press advised Mr. McGuire that Fred Mullen, Director of Information in the Justice Department, had confirmed that the Attorney General was leaving Washington with his top aides in connection with Operation Alert.

Adams inquired as to whether the Director was leaving the city and going to a relocation site. Adams was advised that the FBI was participating in Operation Alert and beyond that we could make no comment whatsoever. Adams stated he understood.

CC: Mr. Holloman
 CC: Mr. Boardman
 CC: Mr. Belmont

JJM:imz
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: June 16, 1955

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION BETWEEN [REDACTED] RELOCATION
SITE AND [REDACTED]

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Tolson _____
Boardman _____
Nichols _____
Belmont _____
Harbo _____
Mohr _____
Parsons _____
Rosen _____
Tamm _____
Sizoo _____
Winterrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
Holloman _____
Gandy _____

My memorandum to you June 15, 1955, reflected difficulty experienced between 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., June 15, 1955, regarding inability to reach SAC Laughlin at [REDACTED]. The Telephone Company indicated, upon contact, that the trouble had been found and fully corrected.

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At 8:08 a.m. this morning, June 16, 1955, SAC Laughlin attempted to contact [REDACTED]. He was unable to reach us. Our operator upon ascertaining there was difficulty, contacted the Telephone Company in Washington, National 4-9900, at 8:15 a.m. and requested immediate attention to this matter. The Telephone Company stated that men were already working on the problem, that they felt it was the same difficulty which was experienced yesterday and that the difficulty should be cleared up in short order.

We will follow this matter closely.

ACTION: For information

CDD:FML
(4)

cc: Mr. Belmont
Mr. Wherry

ADDENDUM, CDD:FML, 6/16/55:

At 9:03 a.m. the Telephone Company advised that the situation had now been corrected. We immediately made a test check with SAC Laughlin and the call came through clearly without difficulty.

The Telephone Company reported that the same trouble as experienced yesterday had once again come up.

We will personally discuss this repetition of difficulty with representatives of the Telephone Company upon return to Washington. Our displeasure expressed telephonically does not seem to have the desired effect, consequently this incident along with any other problems concerning communications will be vigorously pushed upon return.

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Highland
S. G.

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SAC,

June 17, 1955

Director, FBI

Government Transportation Requests
War Plans

Reference is made to Bureau Bulletin 55-3, advising that the new type Government Transportation Requests would be in effect July 1, 1955.

There are enclosed 10 books of transportation requests for use in connection with the Bureau's War Plans.

The old type GTRs should be returned to the Bureau for disposition, after June 30.

The numbers of the requests enclosed are 3922401 through 3922500.

Enclosures 10 *See serial*

cc- Voucher Section(sent direct)

cc - Mr. McArdle (sent direct)

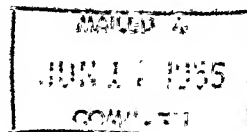
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols *[Signature]*

FROM *LEW* L. E. Wherry, Jr.

DATE: June 2, 1955

SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS
MAILING FACILITIES AT BUREAU'S RELOCATION SITE *✓*

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At keeps only a very small supply of stamps on hand since most of his mailing is to the field divisions and goes under the frank.

Mailing Unit Supervisor John J. O'Keefe and I have discussed what stamp supply would be needed at for our mail in the event of an evacuation, and we feel that the following stamps should be on hand at for emergency purposes:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Value</u>
500	.01	5.00
2000	.02	40.00
4200	.03	126.00
500	.05	25.00
450	.10	45.00
400	.20	80.00
400	.25	100.00
900	.06 Air Mail	54.00
500	.20 Spec. Del.	100.00
		\$575.00

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the above stamps be purchased by the Chief Clerk's Office and turned over to for appropriate safekeeping for use in an evacuation emergency.

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cc - Mr. McGuire
cc - Mr. Belmont, Attention *Mr. McArdle*
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Above stamps purchased and turned over to Mr.

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[Signature]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *LB*DATE: June 9,
1955FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - *Emergency Relocation*
OPERATION ALERT 1955 (June 15, 16 and 17)

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Supervisor McArdle and I today talked to Mr. William A. Boleyn, of the Bureau of the Budget, who will represent the Office of Defense Mobilization and the Bureau of the Budget as the inspector of the FBI relocation test on June 15, 16 and 17.

I mentioned to Mr. Boleyn that we are going to start operating on June 15 at about 10:00 a.m. on the basis of a simulated alert. I pointed out that our employees will not have advance notice of the exact time of this alert, so it will test our assembly procedures in getting off to [redacted] b7E

We arranged for Mr. Boleyn to report to the office of Assistant Director Mohr at 9:15 a.m. on June 15, in order that he can observe our operations and accompany Mr. Mohr to [redacted] b7E

Mr. Boleyn said that he thought this plan was better than the ODM procedures, as he would be able to actually observe the FBI operations.

We then went over the ODM Inspectors Handbook and the Guides for the Inspectors, copies of which are attached. We discussed the fact that we will be operating under simulated conditions, because of the secrecy of our program, but will simulate, insofar as possible, actual emergency conditions and particularly will test our communications ability. We discussed the fact that we have provided for a succession of command and delegation of authority; that our personnel know their responsibility; that our records and supplies are available in [redacted] and that he can look over for himself the communications facilities, the space, maintenance of security, etc. He was told that we will have armed guards patrolling our relocation site. b7E

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It was noted that Mr. Boleyn was required to submit by teletype a notice of his arrival and the preliminary report at noon Thursday, June 16, and the second report by 11:00 a.m., June 17. He was told facilities would be available to submit

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cc--Mr. Boardman
cc--Mr. Mohr
cc--Mr. Belmont
cc--Mr. Roach
cc--Mr. McArdle

*John Airhart, Relocation Coordinator of the Department, advised that the Office of Defense Mobilization has informed the Attorney General by letter (a copy of which is on its way to the Bureau) that Mr. Boleyn has the necessary security clearance (Top Secret) to function at the Bureau's relocation site during this test. JEM

Memorandum to Mr. Boardman from Mr. Belmont

June 9, 1955

Re: WAR PLANS -
OPERATION ALERT 1955 (June 15, 16 and 17)

these teletypes. He said he would let us see them first to be sure there was no discrepancy.

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We briefly went over the type of problems we will engage in at [] and emphasized that we must necessarily simulate these problems because of the secrecy of their nature. Mr. Boleyn appeared to be impressed by the number of problems we are going to utilize.

The attached Guides for ODM Inspectors reflects the type of inquiries that Mr. Boleyn will be making. We went over them with him briefly as to any questions he might have at this time.

Mr. Boleyn was businesslike, but friendly, and stated he had the highest respect for the FBI. I can foresee no difficulty in connection with his presence at [] I suggest that Mr. Mohr insure that Mr. Boleyn's needs are fully met while he is at []

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June 15, 1955

WILLIAM B. BORDMAN JR. MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT
MR. NICHOLS

In line with the Attorney General's memorandum of June 6, I attended a meeting in the Attorney General's office at 2:30 p.m. on June 14, at which were present the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, Mr. Rogers; Assistant Attorneys General Rankin and Tompkins; the Director of the Bureau of Prisons; the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization; Mr. Airhart and Mr. Yongley, of Mr. Tompkins' Division; and one of the Counselors from the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The Attorney General opened the meeting by stating that he wanted to go over the proposed set-up to be followed by the various participants in the 1955 Alert which was to start on June 15.

Mr. Airhart advised the Attorney General that 86 persons would be evacuated from the Department to the evacuation headquarters of the Department at [redacted]. Sixteen of these 86 were representatives of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. b7E The Attorney General was further advised that 64 of the personnel of the FBI would be evacuated to the FBI evacuation headquarters at [redacted].

The Attorney General was advised that as regards the personnel journeying to [redacted] each individual would have a Civil Defense Identification Card with the individual photograph of the employee thereon. In addition, all automobiles to be used would have available a [redacted]. The Attorney General raised the question as to the time for departure, as he understood that it was set for 12:05 p.m. and he questioned the desirability of leaving prior thereto. I informed the Attorney General that in so far as the FBI was concerned, some of our personnel were leaving for our evacuation headquarters on the evening of June 14 and that the remainder

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would leave at 10:00 AM on June 15, and we anticipated that our evacuation headquarters would be completely ready for operation shortly after [redacted] on June 15. After some discussion, it was agreed that there was no restriction imposed by JDM or the Civil Defense Administration as to the exact time when personnel should leave. I pointed out the fact that we had been advised that JDM would start sending messages early on the morning of June 15, and that this meant it was necessary for us to be in operational status so as to be able to receive the messages and act thereupon. b7E

I reminded the Attorney General that it was imperative that immediately upon his arrival at [redacted] to attend the meeting called by the President, he should immediately communicate with the Department of Justice headquarters at [redacted] authorizing the FBI to initiate the pick-up of the persons on the Security Index and the foreign diplomats coming within the Diplomatic Program. I stated that until the FBI received instructions from the Department of Justice headquarters at [redacted] it would not be able to initiate these two programs. It was agreed that Mr. Rogers would proceed to [redacted] to be in charge of the Department of Justice staff there and that the Attorney General would leave Washington at 12:05 PM to go with Assistant Attorney General Rankin and proceed to [redacted] where the first meeting was to be held and that upon arrival at [redacted] he would take steps to give clearance to Mr. Rogers at [redacted] for the initiation of the necessary programs by the FBI. b7E

The discussion brought out the fact that there was no code that had been developed for use by the [redacted] [redacted] so that they therefore would not be able to participate in activities that might require the testing out of the sending of classified information over communication lines. It also developed that there was no coding machine at [redacted] which would enable the Department of Justice agencies there to code or decode messages. Since the telephone cannot be used for any classified information, the most that the Department of Justice could do at [redacted] would be to communicate with [redacted] through a code arrangement and [redacted] in turn, would decode the message and then re-code it for transmission to the FBI headquarters at [redacted]. It was recognized that this would be a long delaying process, but it was the best that could be done. b7E

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I advised the Attorney General that we had stationed at each of the evacuation sites of the various Government agencies a Liaison representative and that there would be such a representative at the Department of Justice headquarters in [redacted] I informed the Attorney General that in view of the fact that there was no arrangement to code messages, we had worked out a very simple code with our Liaison representative at [redacted] so that he could by telephone to our headquarters at [redacted] indicate the authority to initiate the various projects that would be necessary to the carrying out of our programs.

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Mr. Airhart presented certain information taken from an ODM mimeographed memorandum setting forth the time of the various exercises which were to be carried out during the three-day period but which really theoretically covered a thirty-day period of operation. On my return from this conference, I asked Mr. Belmont to let me have a copy of this memorandum because I had not seen the same.

Mr. Airhart also had a copy of a memorandum of the various problems that would be initiated by the various branches of the Department of Justice at [redacted] which memorandum would be made available to the employees upon arrival at [redacted] Mr. Airhart stated in answer to a query of mine that we had been furnished a copy of this memorandum. I have asked Mr. Belmont to let me have a copy of the same because I do not recall seeing it. Mr. Airhart also advised the Attorney General that there had been furnished to ODM ten copies of all the problems which were to be participated in by the various branches of the Department of Justice, including the FBI. I have asked Mr. Belmont for a copy of this document because I have not seen the same.

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Mr. Airhart stated that there had been some confusion incident to a number of sealed envelopes sent out by the Federal Civil Defense Administration; that these envelopes should have been received by the FBI several days ago but were not delivered until the Fourteenth. I have asked Mr. Belmont to find out for me the reason for this delay and why we did not have better liaison coverage at the Federal Civil Defense Administration so as to have procured these envelopes earlier.

MESSRS. TOLSON, BOARDMAN, BELMONT, NICHOLS June 15, 1955

It was indicated also to the Attorney General by Mr. Airhart that it would be entirely possible that CDM might send certain fictitious messages with faked signatures so as to test out the security of the various agencies and that all branches of the Department of Justice should be alert and make certain that any messages or instructions received have actually emanated from the person purporting to sign the same who has the authority to issue such instructions.

Assistant Attorney General Tompkins advised the Attorney General that at the meeting at [redacted] on the afternoon of June 15, he, the Attorney General, would be expected to brief the President and the other officials attending that meeting as to the status of Operation Alert on the presumption that three days had passed since the yellow alert had been given. Mr. Tompkins presented to the Attorney General the attached memorandum of suggestions which the Attorney General might desire to use at this briefing.

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Mr. Tompkins advised the Attorney General that there had been a previous memorandum prepared and it had been submitted to the FBI, but that the FBI had raised certain objections to the same and that I might be able to better explain the Bureau's views concerning the first memorandum which had been prepared. I advised the Attorney General that the first memorandum set forth a number of fictitious instances which were supposed to have taken place, such as the actual commission of sabotage by Communists in the United States and the finding of evidence indicating atomic weapons having been secreted within the United States, as well as the inability of the FBI to make effective apprehensions of large numbers of persons on the Security Index. I told the Attorney General that I thought it would be best for him to confine this statement to what had been set up and accomplished by the various branches of the Department of Justice in a dignified and objective manner. The memorandum which was handed to the Attorney General by Mr. Tompkins largely adhered to this idea.

Before the meeting closed, I also suggested to the Attorney General that I thought that one of the first things that should be listed for attention was the preparation of a code for the [redacted]

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[redacted] so that there might be proper communication between all branches of the Department of Justice with proper security.

MEK SRS. TOLSON, BOARDMAN, BELMONT, NICHOLS June 15, 1955

The Attorney General inquired as to whether this Bureau could handle any messages in time of an emergency carrying instructions to the United States Attorneys. I stated that the FBI would be glad to handle such messages through our local field offices which, in turn, would communicate them to the United States Attorneys.

There was some inquiry made as to whether we could handle any additional messages for the Immigration and Naturalization Service and I indicated that we could not. I stated that our circuits would be heavily loaded as it was and it would be impossible for us to take on any additional duties other than that of handling messages to the United States Attorneys.

I reminded the Attorney General that in addition to what had already been stated, he was scheduled to attend a meeting of the National Security Council to be held at [redacted] at 10:00 AM on June 16 and which was to be preceded by a general briefing at [redacted] at 9:30 AM on June 16. The Attorney General apparently had not been advised of this and had no material pertaining to the same. He requested that Mr. Tompkins' Division be certain to see that he was furnished with the necessary material so that he could take it along with him when he planned to leave Washington at noon on June 15.

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Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

I can report ~~that~~ the Departmental Relocation Site at []
and the FBI Relocation Site became operational from the sounding of the
[] since each site is a permanent installation with a nucleus
staff. Each has radio, teletype, and telephone installations. The
Bureau of Prisons and the Immigration and Naturalization Service have
also activated their relocation sites.

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UPON the signing of the necessary documents by the President
authorizing the programs for the detention of dangerous persons and
for the internment of enemy diplomatic and consular personnel and the
personnel of international organizations in this country, the FBI
immediately went into action and I can report that progress is being
made in all areas except in those areas which have suffered heavy
personnel casualties.

As we have been repeatedly warned by the FBI, the Communist
strategy called for acts of sabotage by Communists upon the outbreak
of hostilities. I can report that every Bureau office in the country
has been flooded with reports of alleged sabotage, some of which may
be due to a feeling of panic and hysteria that had been anticipated,
but others are undoubtedly acts of sabotage resulting from Communist
strategy. Some of the rumors are undoubtedly also the result of
Communist efforts to incite panic and generally disrupt relocation
of civilian personnel and restoration of civilian morale.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: 6-17-55

FROM : Mr. Boardman *JB*

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1955

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After talking with you at 1:50 P.M. today I telephoned and talked to Section Chief Baumgardner in the absence of Belmont and instructed that all persons not immediately currently engaged in operational aspects were to promptly return to Washington, D. C.

Mr. Baumgardner explained that quite a few of the people were still engaged in dictating, transcribing and typing memoranda pertaining to the test problems which had been completed by noon today and in the preparation of the summary memorandum concerning the entire operation. I instructed Baumgardner to advise me as to the departure of those people not needed as above indicated.

Baumgardner informed me at 2:45 P.M. that at 11:00 A.M. today three of the night shift employees assigned to Belmont's Division and four of the night shift employees assigned to Nichols' Division had departed for Washington. He further advised that at 2:30 P.M. today eighteen additional employees, including Messrs. Holloman and Rosen, departed for Washington. He stated that the balance were employed in winding up the operation and that all will have departed by 4:30 P.M. today or prior thereto if the work has been completed.

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ACTION:

None. For your information.

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TO : MR. MOHR *[Signature]*

FROM : *[Signature]* L. J. GAUTHIER *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT - JUNE 15, 1955
TRANSPORTATION

DATE: June 17, 1955

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The *[Redacted]* was sounded by Mr. Belmont at 10:00 a.m. 6-15-55. Enough Government-owned equipment was available at the Justice Building to accommodate 70 employees. Other equipment, sufficient to accommodate 88 employees, was available within 10-minute distance of the building if regrouping of equipment had been necessary. *b7E*

[Redacted] was utilized to transport thirty-six evacuees to the relocation site. *[Redacted]* left the building at 10:10 a.m., 6-15-55, arriving at *[Redacted]* 6-15-55. *b6 b7C b7E*

Mr. *[Redacted]* of the *[Redacted]* was discreetly contacted to ascertain the status of our working agreement for obtaining *[Redacted]*. All plans agreed upon are in full force.

Courier Service employees executed their duties quickly, checking the availability of cars in Court A as well as advising the Supply Room concerning the regrouping of truck facilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information only.

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CC: Mr. McArdle

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65 JUN 29 1955 *[Signature]*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: June 17, 1955

FROM : R. R. Roach

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS OPERATION ALERT 1955
JUNE 15-16-17

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The concluding activity of the problem on the alert practice for those liaison representatives stationed with their respective agencies was to contact the Bureau and report their departure for Washington from those agencies' relocation sites prior to their termination of liaison functions on their particular assignments. In this regard there are set forth the terminating contacts made by these liaison representatives at the places and times designated:

<u>AGENT</u>	<u>AGENCY TO WHOM ASSIGNED</u>	<u>TIME & DATE OF DEPARTURE</u>
J. J. Daunt	Department of Justice and INS	1:30 p.m. 6/17/55
N. W. Philcox	White House	1:40 p.m. 6/17/55
S. J. Papich	Central Intelligence Agency	2:00 p.m. 6/17/55
M. W. Kuhrtz	Department of State	4:05 p.m. 6/17/55 ETD
C. W. Bates	Atomic Energy Commission	5:00 p.m. 6/17/55 ETD
W. F. Woods	Office of Defense Mobilization	6:00 p.m. 6/17/55 ETD

The Agents' time of departure from the respective relocation sites of the agencies in question range from Agent Daunt's departure at 1:30 pm from the Justice relocation to Agent Woods' departure at 6 p.m. from the ODM relocation site. This spread of time denotes that some of the agencies closed their relocation sites earlier than others and eliminated the necessity for further liaison contacts.

Each of the above Liaison Agents will submit an individual report on the activities of the relocation site to which he evacuated with his particular agency.

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1-Mr. Belmont 1-McArdle
1-Mr. Roach

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Memo to Belmont from Roach

ACTION:

None. The above is submitted for your information as the concluding activity of the problem for the Liaison Agents stationed with their respective agencies.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: April 22, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

BUREAU WAR PLANS

COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

[REDACTED] - WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

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A teletype machine and a telephone line have been installed at [REDACTED] for the use of the Washington Field Office in the event an evacuation of Washington is ordered. The Seat of Government for years has handled all of the Washington Field Office teletype and switchboard communications, except for the brief time when the Washington Field Office was located up on K Street, N. W. At the present time the Washington Field Office does not have any personnel trained in handling teletypewriter equipment. Neither does the Washington Field Office have any trained code clerks.

We accordingly made arrangements with the Washington Field Office to train three employees beginning Monday, April 25, 1955, in the handling of teletype equipment. When these employees have been given basic training for one week period they will be returned to the field office and then one day each month thereafter we will have them over to the Seat of Government for a refresher in order to keep them up-to-date.

When this initial training has been completed, we will then embark upon a basic training course for the same three Washington Field Office employees in the handling of the Bureau's code material. The Washington Field Office does not have any coding equipment at the present time for use at [REDACTED]. Here again the Seat of Government has handled in the past all coding problems for Washington Field Office.

It is recommended the Cryptanalysis Section have appropriate crypto materials available which can be utilized at [REDACTED] by the Washington Field Office at such time as the Field Office may have to occupy that relocation site and in this connection the code room of this Division will work out with the Cryptanalysis Section details for having these materials made available to Washington Field Office.

cc: Mr. Belmont (Attention Mr. McArdle)
SAC Laughlin, Washington Field Office
Mr. Parsons (Attention Mr. Downing)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. PARSONS

DATE: May 27, 1955

FROM : C. F. DOWNING

SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS
COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES
[REDACTED] - WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

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Mr. NICHOLS memorandum 4/22/55 to Mr. TOLSON recommended that cryptomaterial be made available for Washington Field Office use at [REDACTED] in case of evacuation.

The Cryptanalysis-Translation Section believes there is sufficient cryptomaterial now on hand at the Bureau's relocation site at [REDACTED] to take care of WFO in the event of an emergency, without handicapping the stock supply being held in reserve for general Bureau use provided only that one extra [REDACTED] is made available.

Consequently we propose that in the event of an emergency need by WFO for cryptomaterial [REDACTED] make available to WFO at that time the attached list of items from stock he has on hand.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum and the attachment be forwarded to the Records and Communications Division and the Domestic Intelligence Division for their consideration.

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list & memo
items to be made
available to WFO in
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - RELOCATION OF BUREAU PERSONNEL

DATE: June 7, 1955

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The problem of relocation of Bureau personnel and their dependents consists of two basic parts.

I Dependents of Personnel Having Essential-Wartime Functions

The 295 dependents of the 173 employees scheduled for relocation should be directed to an area close to the Bureau relocation site. If an emergency were called at this time this would be [redacted]. In order that the dependents may establish direct contact with those members of their family at the relocation site, it is believed that the adult dependents should be given the [redacted] telephone number which terminates at the [redacted] exchange. This telephone number is [redacted].

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In the event the dependents are still in Washington, D. C., and desire to convey a message to the members of their family at the relocation site, they should be advised to call the office of Mr. H. L. Edwards of the Administrative Division (extension 887) and leave messages with that office for transmittal to the relocation site.

In the event the President sees fit to order a relocation of the employees having essential wartime functions prior to a total evacuation of Washington, the so-called "stay-behind" program should be retained in effect. This program is one wherein a Bureau Agent not scheduled for relocation has been advised that he is to provide such help and assistance for the family of the person who has been relocated as is possible for him to do under the circumstances. This program has been in effect in connection with Bureau war plans for the past few years and each employee scheduled for relocation has been advised of the Agent staying behind who will provide such help and assistance as he can for the family of the person being relocated. This program should remain in effect.

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 1 - Mr. Boardman
 1 - Mr. Nichols
 1 - Mr. Mohr
 1 - Mr. Harbo [redacted]
 1 - Mr. Belmont
 1 - Mr. McArdle
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Memorandum to Mr. Boardman

Re: WAR PLANS - RELOCATION OF BUREAU PERSONNEL

[redacted] has previously conducted a survey b7E of hotels, motels, tourist courts and rooming houses in the [redacted] area to ascertain what accommodations might be available. No agreement has been entered into, no commitment of any kind has been made and the proprietors of these establishments have not been advised of the Bureau's interest. A list of the establishments so surveyed should be made available to each person scheduled for relocation so that he might make it available to adult dependents in his family.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That the "stay-behind" program outlined above remain in effect.

G.K.
H.

(2) That each person scheduled for relocation be permitted to advise his adult dependents that messages may be relayed to him through the Bureau by calling the office of Mr. H. L. Edwards, Bureau extension 887, and the message will be accepted for relay to the employee at [redacted] b7E

G.K.
H.

(3) That each person being relocated in an emergency be advised that should their dependents be in the [redacted] area and desire to get word to him that they might call [redacted] [redacted] telephone number [redacted] b7E

G.K.
H.

(4) That a list of motels, hotels, tourist courts and rooming houses in the [redacted] area, similar to that here attached, be made available to each person scheduled for relocation. b7E

V. G.K.
H.



Memorandum to Mr. Boardman

Re: WAR PLANS - RELOCATION OF BUREAU PERSONNEL

Should the Bureau find a new relocation site this entire matter will have to be revised accordingly.

II Employees Not Scheduled for Relocation
And Their Families (Approximately 8500)

Under present plans these employees and their dependents would not evacuate Washington, D. C., unless there were a general evacuation of the city and if such is the case they, like all other citizens in Metropolitan Washington, will be under the control of the local Civil Defense organization and, therefore, must follow the rules and instructions laid down by Civil Defense for the evacuation of the city. It is believed, however, that these employees should be advised that if it is determined that they are unable to return to their homes after such an evacuation that they might make contact with the Bureau installation, which under the circumstances will be Washington Field Office at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] where they may leave messages, forwarding addresses and obtain such instructions or messages as the Bureau may desire to convey to them at the time. In furtherance of this, this group of employees should be given the telephone number of the [REDACTED] which is [REDACTED] by prior agreement, will be made available for Bureau occupancy in a period of actual emergency. b7E

It is not contemplated that the Bureau will offer any active assistance as to food, shelter or medical attention at this focal point since that is the responsibility of Civil Defense organizations in an emergency.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That those employees not scheduled for relocation be advised and permitted to relay to adult dependents that should Washington be evacuated and they are thereafter unable to return

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to their homes in the Washington area that they might use
where Washington
Field will relocate as a contact point to receive messages from
the Bureau, leave messages for their dependents or leave forward-
ing addresses for use of the Bureau and/or their dependents.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: June 15, 1955

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1955

Tolson	✓
Boardman	✓
Nichols	✓
Belmont	✓
Barbo	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Sizoo	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

Liaison Agent Woods at [] advised at 2:18 p.m. today (June 15) that the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General Rogers had arrived at [] at 2:10 p.m.—the President arrived at 2:00 p.m. (both times Eastern Daylight Savings Time). *Woods was going directly to []*

We, of course, are not in a position to send [] simulated messages to the field on the Emergency Detention and the Taking into Protective Custody of Enemy Diplomats until the Attorney General has given us authority. Agent Woods at [] and Agent Daunt at [] are alert to notify us immediately when the necessary authority is given.

AHB:LL
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cc—Mr. Belmont
cc—Mr. Baumgardner
cc—Mr. Roach
cc—Mr. Branigan

*contact both per
Dixon mess & have
Woods seek out Perkins
& Daunt seek out
Rogers & urge prompt
action by A.G.*

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for Belmont
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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: June 15, 1955

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1955

Tolson ☒
 Boardman ☒
 Nichols ☒
 Belmont ☒
 Harbo ☒
 Mohr ☒
 Parsons ☒
 Rosen ☒
 Tamm ☒
 Sizoo ☒
 Winterrowd ☒
 Tele. Room ☒
 Holloman ☒
 Gandy ☒

At 3:17 p.m. today (June 15), Liaison Agent Daunt advised from [redacted] that Deputy Attorney General Rogers had just completed a call to Rankin at [redacted] Rankin stated that the officials are just gathering for the Inter-Assembly Group Meeting at [redacted] at which the Emergency Detention Program will be considered among other problems. The President has made the radio broadcast advising the public of the purpose of this test, and the Assembly is convening following that broadcast.

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Deputy Rogers advised Daunt that Rankin has made an arrangement for the Attorney General to slip out a note from the Assembly concerning the authority for the Bureau's Programs, whereupon Rankin will call Rogers. Mr. Rogers estimated it would be 20 to 30 minutes before Rankin called him.

We have been attempting to reach Agent Woods at [redacted] to inquire as to his message that Rogers had been with the Attorney General at [redacted] We will advise you as soon as we are able to reach Woods.

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cc--Mr. Belmont
 cc--Mr. Baumgardner
 cc--Mr. Roach
 cc--Mr. Branigan

I will want to know about this for if original information was incorrect it indicates Woods was not alert & accurate.

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: June 15, 1955

FROM : R. R. Roach

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - OPERATION ALERT 1955
JUNE 15-16-17, 1955

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Boardman	_____
Nichols	_____
Belmont	_____
Harbo	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Sizoo	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

My previous memorandum reflected a call received from Liaison Agent Woods at 2:18 p.m. from the Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) site at [redacted]. At that time Woods stated that the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General Rogers had arrived and that Woods had talked to the Attorney General and Rogers and had extended all possible courtesies. The Director pointed out on a previous memorandum that Rankin rather than Rogers was at [redacted]. Mr. Tolson inquired what briefing was given Woods re Rogers, was he shown photographs, etc.

At 3:50 p.m. I recontacted Woods and explained to him that he was in error when he had reported that he had met Rogers with the Attorney General, whereas in fact, it was Rankin who was there with the Attorney General at [redacted]. I inquired of Woods if he knew Rogers by sight and why it was his impression he was talking to Rogers, when in fact it was Rankin.

Agent Woods stated that his reporting of the facts to [redacted] was confusing as he felt that he must be circumspect and discreet and that, therefore, it was necessary not to use full names and that when he had stated, "The head of Justice and his right-hand man Mr. R. had arrived," it was intended to mean the Attorney General and Rankin and not Rogers. Woods stated he realizes now that he should have given the name of Rankin and not used the initial "R" and the descriptive data which he did.

I told Woods that his message had been erroneous and misleading to the Director in describing Rankin as Rogers and asked that he makes sure in passing on such information in the future that he reports it correctly. I, of course, was at fault in not specifically requesting that Woods identify Rankin by name rather than by the description used.

In answer to Mr. Tolson's inquiry, SA Woods and all of the Liaison men were specifically briefed as to their assignments prior to the practice alert. In view of the fact that it was not the Bureau's information that Rogers was going to [redacted] Woods was not given any specific instructions concerning Rogers as mentioned by Mr. Tolson. Woods was not shown photographs of the Department officials prior to his leaving for his assignment as he states he knows Rogers, Rankin, and the Attorney General by sight.

ACTION: None. The above is submitted for your information.

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1-Mr. Belmont
1-Mr. Roach
1-Mr. McArdle

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: June 16, 1955

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT:

OPERATION ALERT - 1955

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 Boardman ☒
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 Sizoo ☒
 Winterrowd ☒
 Tele. Room ☒
 Holloman ☒
 Gandy ☒

The following is a brief resume of activities for June 16, 1955, up to 4:00 PM:

Availability Checks

As mentioned in my memorandum of June 15, 1955, availability checks were conducted of Atlanta, Miami, Boston, New Haven and New York on the night of June 15. A separate memorandum has been submitted to the Director showing the results of these checks. Availability checks will be conducted starting at 10:00 PM tonight of the following offices: Denver, Milwaukee, Charlotte, Los Angeles and Chicago.

At 2:40 PM, Liaison Agent Daunt with Justice at [redacted] called and advised that Deputy Attorney General Rogers had suggested that the Bureau may want to simulate a security alert along the Canadian Border in view of a teletype from the Federal Civil Defense Administration dated 11:06 AM, June 16, reporting that the [redacted] had apprehended several thousand followers of enemy ideology in Canada and reliable reports indicate fifth column element had been instructed to make a concerted effort to create diversion by propaganda and assassination of key personnel. Agent Daunt was instructed to immediately advise Mr. Rogers that this Bureau had simulated such an alert among our offices along the Canadian Border at approximately 11:30 PM the night of June 15, because of information received from Civil Defense the night of June 15, indicating that Canadian cities were under attack. Further, we had simulated [redacted]

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Other Problems Worked

Other problems, as set forth in our brief on this exercise, were:

(1) Four offices, namely, Detroit, Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Louisville, were contacted on the problem requiring apprehension of

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four enemy diplomats touring the United States. The communications were handled without delay. Notification to [redacted] b7E
[redacted] of the apprehensions were simulated by contacts with our Liaison Agents with those agencies.

(2) Philadelphia was contacted by teletype simulating instructions to apprehend an espionage agent at 1:19 AM, June 16. A reply was received by teletype, 1:25 AM, June 16.

(3) The problems simulating the landing and apprehension of enemy agents from a submarine were simulated by test message to Seattle by teletype at 4:35 AM, instructing Seattle to contact Portland and have Portland contact [redacted] Portland recontacted [redacted] at 4:52 AM. Notification to six intelligence agencies was simulated by contact with our Liaison Agents with those agencies. b7E

(4) Memorandum was prepared reflecting consideration of the thirty Prominent Individuals whose cases the Department is reviewing as to whether they should be on the Security Index. On June 10, the Department advised that of the thirty names, seven should be included in the Security Index and that the remaining twenty-three did not come within the new Security Index criteria. Therefore, the problem concerning the prominent individuals has been settled and the seven individuals are on the Index.

(5) The problem involving enemy diplomats touring the United States was repeated by messages to Memphis, Oklahoma City and Little Rock by teletype at 10:53 AM. Knoxville was contacted by telephone at 10:25 AM at its resident agencies, as Knoxville itself had been bombed out. There was no delay in reaching the Bureau in the return calls from these offices. Appropriate Liaison Agents were advised, simulating notification of arrests to those agencies.

(6) The Cincinnati Office was instructed by teletype to set up a radio-activity detection meter, take a reading and upon completion, sutel results to [redacted]

(7) A list of all Security Index subjects outside the country was prepared and notification to all offices was simulated through preparation of an airtel (not sent). A total of 218 names were listed. b7E

(8) A teletype was sent to [redacted] instructing that [redacted] operate its CW radio station on emergency power for 30 minutes and thereafter radio the Bureau using emergency power: This is a test of emergency power. Results not yet received.

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June 15, 1955

Operation Alert 1955

(9) Five additional problems involving arrests of seamen, espionage suspects, landing of enemy agents were instituted during the afternoon of June 16. In instituting the above problems with the field offices, wherever Civil Defense teletypes had advised us that the headquarters city housing our field offices was bombed out, we utilized the field relocation site as represented by our resident agencies. We encountered no difficulty in contacting and securing replies from the resident agencies.

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PROBLEMS RECEIVED FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Continuing my memorandum of June 15, 1955, the following additional problems from outside agencies were received:

1. By teletype received 11:15 p.m., June 15, Omaha referred to Bureau teletype alerting all offices that problems might be posed to the field by other agencies during this alert operation and instructing how to handle. Omaha informed that Administrator of Civilian Defense, Omaha, advised at 7:15 p.m., June 15, he received information from Civilian Defense Control Center in Lincoln, Nebraska, re theoretical problem alleging sabotage at Cornhusker Ordnance Plant in Grand Island, Nebraska. Omaha accepted the information, considered it as theoretical, and conducted no inquiry. Omaha considers investigation adequately handled. We are taking no further action as to this.

2. By teletype from Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) received 1:45 a.m., June 16, advice received that due to extent of damage from the attack under Operation Alert the President has declared martial law throughout the nation. We sent a teletype to Justice relocation site at 5:10 a.m., June 16, requesting immediate advice as to jurisdiction of FBI under martial law and extent control and authority had passed from Justice to Military as pertained to FBI operations.

By teletype received 7:19 a.m., June 16, ODM advised that civilian agencies in civil defense and mobilization areas were to continue to discharge responsibilities delegated to them by the President and that under martial law the Military will aid in the enforcement of those decisions.

By teletype received 10:41 a.m., June 16, Justice replied to our teletype: "Under terms of Proclamation FBI will continue to operate under jurisdiction of Department of Justice. However, FBI and all civil officers are required to give full effect to the proclamation and all orders and regulations issued thereunder. Where conflict exists between martial law regulations and Department of Justice instructions, FBI shall obey Military Commander and promptly advise Department of facts. Where necessary, Department will advise Defense of conflict and seek resolution thereof so that objectives of civil authorities may be accomplished to greatest extent possible within framework of martial law."

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PROBLEMS RECEIVED FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES (continued)

3. By teletype received 5:18 a.m., June 16, Civil Service Commission (CSC) requested all agencies to report within 24 hours their estimate, from information at hand, as to "number of additional personnel critically needed by your agency and number of surplus personnel your agency can release for employment by other agencies. This information needed for negotiations and discussions with Manpower Control Agency concerning personnel needs and surpluses." By teletype dated June 16, 9:28 a.m., the Civil Service Commission was advised: "Additional personnel not critically needed now this agency. In view of essential responsibilities affecting internal security, no surplus personnel available."

4. At 5:22 a.m., June 16, we received from Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) an announcement for the purpose of the simulated alert that Civil Service Commission (CSC) will conduct national agency checks for background investigation under Executive Order 10450 to the fullest extent possible under emergency conditions. Teletype instructed that all agencies comply and take appropriate action as it pertained to their agencies and advised that CSC will continue to conduct limited security investigations whenever derogatory information is developed through national agency checks.

CSC advised our Liaison some weeks ago they proposed to use this so-called test problem during the national alert. We advised Kimbell Johnson of CSC that the Bureau would continue to handle name checks to the fullest extent possible at Washington headquarters until Washington was not habitable, after which CSC should refer their name check inquiries to our local field offices. We notified other Government agencies who make name checks with us that this would be our policy during an emergency. We are not replying to the above teletype as no request for reply is made.

5. By teletype received 12:16 p.m., June 16, Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) advised that by virtue of authority vested in ODM under Executive Order 13422, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) was directed to establish a priority of restoration system for private line communication facilities in the continental United States,

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PROBLEMS RECEIVED FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES (continued)

Hawaii, Alaska, and Puerto Rico. All Government agencies were requested to certify to the FCC remaining private line communication facilities under their control which would carry priority messages and which should be given priority of restoration.

By teletype reply 3:25 p.m., we advised FCC only private line facility available to our relocation site is from our site to

[redacted] No request for priority restoration of other lines is being made by us in view of complete destruction of points previously served. In other words, our reply to FCC was couched in terms simulating the destruction of all our direct lines with the exception of our line to [redacted] This is logical because Washington and New York are presumably bombed out. b7E

6. At 6:55 a.m., June 16, Assistant Director Parsons was notified that a teletype had been received from ODM, directed to all Government agencies, outlining emergency restrictions being placed on the use of radio. The instructions state: ".....After the effective date of this order no radio station or electrical apparatus within the jurisdiction of the United States shall use any radio frequency between 10 kilocycles and 100,000 megacycles for the purpose of communicating with any other radio station, or stations, transmitting any information by means of radio, testing, or emitting electromagnetic radiations except in accordance with specific authority of the Director of the ODM."

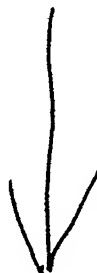
As this, upon checking, appeared to apply to FBI radio communications, Mr. Parsons contacted Liaison Agent Woods at 9:45 a.m. and requested that he get clarification of the ODM instructions, as they would appear to stop all FBI radio communications. A teletype was dispatched at 10:02 a.m. to the Director of ODM referring to these instructions and requesting authority to utilize our authorized frequencies for any radio messages essential in carrying out the internal security responsibilities of this Bureau in accordance with previously approved [redacted]. Woods took this up with ODM and a teletype was received from ODM 3:51 p.m. advising no restrictions on the use of our radio frequencies. b7E

7. A teletype was received from General Services Administration (GSA) at 1:54 p.m. (for all agencies), stating GSA was preparing to send teams to relocation centers of various agencies to establish liaison and

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PROBLEMS RECEIVED FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES (continued)

determine overall agency requirements for real property, personal property and records. GSA requested information relating to number of personnel to be serviced, space occupied, space required, vehicles required, etc. A teletype reply was sent to GSA stating our relocation plans provide for overall agency needs at relocation points of indefinite duration, obviating at this time any problems concerning real and personal property; that we have provided for our own records rehabilitation; and if need arises for liaison, it will be requested.



HIGHLIGHTS OF TELETYPES
RECEIVED OVER CIVIL DEFENSE TELETYPE MACHINE

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The Bureau is receiving on a continuous basis teletype messages from the [redacted] the [redacted] and the [redacted]

[redacted] at [redacted] These messages purport to transmit instructions, problems and information to critical agencies regarding situations that will occur during this simulated national emergency. These messages are checked upon receipt and the following show the highlights of the messages that are considered to be of an interest to the Bureau. On the left column of this memorandum is the time the individual messages have been received by the Bureau:

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Referral/Consult

8:24 a.m. President signed proclamation proclaiming state of civil defense emergency.

8:32 a.m. President proclaimed existence of state of war and extreme national emergency.

Referral/Consult

11:12 a.m. President requested an immediate assessment of the utilization of hospitals. Epidemic reported at Detroit indicating plague - serum not readily available. Reports from Vancouver, Halifax, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta indicate Canada may have been sabotaged ten days before attack with human disease germs.

Referral/Consult

1:49 p.m. Canada reports immediate action in Arctic and attempting to seize air bases and warning installations. Failed so far. Air activity increased in Arctic. "Several thousand" followers of enemy ideology apprehended by [redacted] Reliable reports indicate Fifth Column element has been instructed to make concerted effort to create diversion by misleading information to public in citing riots among homeless and assassination of key personnel. Be vigilant. Crisis of battle approaching.

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1 Yellow
1 - Mr. Boardman
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Section Chief
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AT 10:00 - FBI - BUREAU
JUN 16, 1955

I thought you would be interested in some of the highlights of an intra-bureau test relocation conducted on May 26, 1955. The relocation exercise was started by a simulated alert phone call at 9:30 a.m. Immediate notification was made to 170 bureau personnel scheduled for actual relocation in an emergency. All personnel so scheduled assembled in a first-floor corridor in the Justice Building within seven minutes after the receipt of the simulated alert and by 10:10 a.m., the 30 employees who actually participated in this test exercise had reported for

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thirteen offices were contacted by various means of communication during this exercise. Three of the above thirteen offices were given specific assignments on individual problems. All assignments were completed and the test was terminated shortly after 4 p.m.

Problems dealing with the emergency alerting program and the program calling for the protective custody of persons of heavy mailings using substituted messages were successfully carried out. A problem dealing with contacts by telephones, who in an actual emergency will accompany various agencies in the Executive Branch of the Government in their respective offices, was carried out successfully.

While this test was necessarily limited for security reasons, it did reflect that the notification of personnel at the Bureau was accomplished promptly and without congestion. The communications installations, accompanied by the necessary checking and calling procedures, were efficient. It is expected, however, that some congestion will undoubtedly be experienced under the volume of communications in an actual emergency.

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This intra-bureau test was run in preparation for the emergency alert system in operation since 1950, June 15-17, 1955.

Mr. William F. Parsons
Deputy Attorney General

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: May 26, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - TEST EVACUATION
TO [REDACTED] RELOCATION SITE
MAY 26, 1955

Tolson _____
Boardman _____
Nichols _____
Belmont _____
Parbo _____
Mohr _____
Parsons _____
Rosen _____
Tamm _____
 Sizoo _____
Winterrowd _____
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Holloman _____
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As proposed in memorandum Belmont to Boardman dated May 6, 1955, a test evacuation from Bureau Headquarters in Washington, D. C., to our [REDACTED] relocation site was held on May 26, 1955. b7E

Starting with a simulated [REDACTED] received by Belmont at 9:30 a.m., immediate notification was made to Bureau personnel scheduled for relocation in an emergency. Personnel were instructed to assemble in the 1500 corridor where a check-off system was established to insure that all personnel scheduled for relocation appeared. Only 38 persons actually participated in the test run to [REDACTED] the remainder of the 173 scheduled for relocation immediately reported back to their offices and resumed work. Within 7 minutes of the receipt of the simulated alert--that is, by 9:37 a.m.--the check-off of persons to be relocated had been completed either by the physical appearance of the employee or notification to the checkers that the employee had been notified. Thirty-two employees in the Records and Communications Division did not physically report, in accordance with instructions given to them, as it was not deemed feasible to take them off their assignments--namely, telephone switchboard, code room, etc. The important thing here is that within 7 minutes all 173 Bureau personnel scheduled for relocation had been notified and either assembled in the 1500 corridor or had been accounted for.

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Of the 38 persons scheduled to go to [REDACTED] 23 went in the

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[REDACTED] Attached is the sign-in register showing the 38 employees and their times of arrival. The employees were checked in, for security reasons, by [REDACTED] personnel.

Enclosures
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cc--Mr. Boardman
cc--Mr. Nichols
cc--Mr. D. J. Parsons
cc--Mr. Roach

cc--Mr. Baumgardner
cc--Mr. Branigan
cc--Mr. Belmont

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Memorandum to Boardman from Belmont

May 26, 1955

Re: WAR PLANS - TEST EVACUATION TO [REDACTED]
RELOCATION SITE, MAY 26, 1955

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Under real emergency conditions, a message would be sent to all 52 field offices instructing that the Emergency Detention Program be put into effect. As a test of communications, the following test message was substituted for the actual message:

"Communications Test. This is test of communications under emergency conditions. You should contact Bureau Office at [REDACTED] within the hour by teletype and indicate the amount of time required to actually make contact by the following message: 'Re Test Message. [REDACTED] Office received [REDACTED] message at [REDACTED] (Time). First attempted contact with [REDACTED] (Time). Hoover'"

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Four of these messages were sent by teletype (to San Francisco, Dallas, Boston and Detroit) and required teletype replies; four by radio, requiring radio replies; and two by telephone, requiring telephone replies.

The four teletype messages were dispatched to Communications at 10:41 a.m. They were actually sent between 10:47 and 11:02 a.m. Replies were received by us from all four offices by 11:20 a.m.

The four radio messages were dispatched to Communications at 10:41 a.m. They were sent (after encoding) and replies were received as follows:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Sent</u>	<u>Reply Received</u>
Miami	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
San Juan - sent via Miami		
Chicago		
Honolulu - sent via San Diego		

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We first attempted to handle the radio messages through existing facilities at [REDACTED] which are limited (these facilities are necessarily limited because of [REDACTED] to install major equipment at [REDACTED] which will communicate with all Bureau stations), under the assumption that our [REDACTED] stations had been put out of commission. At 1:33 p.m. we shifted to the [REDACTED] stations, and the Chicago and Honolulu messages were sent as we had been unable to reach them through [REDACTED] facilities.

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Memorandum to Boardman from Belmont

May 26, 1955

Re: WAR PLANS - TEST EVACUATION TO [REDACTED]
RELOCATION SITE, MAY 26, 1955

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separate memorandum is being submitted by the Records and Communications Division as to adequacy of radio communications at [REDACTED].

The remaining two offices, Washington Field (at relocation site at [REDACTED]) and Pittsburgh, were furnished the test message by telephone at 10:45 a.m. and 10:49 a.m., respectively. Their replies were received at 11:11 a.m. and 11:11 a.m., respectively.

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As will be seen from the above, no difficulty was encountered in communications with the exception of radio. Attached is a sheet showing the exact times of sending and receiving these ten test messages.

SPECIAL PROBLEMS

1. Protection of Enemy Diplomatic Officials (Prodip)

We simulated a notification to the appropriate offices that would be involved in the event this program went into effect. We assumed that the Secretary of State had authorized the implementation of this program.

A telephone call was placed to the New York Office at 10:59 a.m. SAC Kelly was on another floor, therefore, Supervisor McAndrews was instructed to immediately communicate with the Philadelphia Office and instruct Philadelphia to teletype FBI headquarters at [REDACTED] within an hour, sending the following message, "Re test message. Received message from New York by (telephone or teletype) at (time)." This telephone call to New York was confirmed by teletype to New York sent 11:19 a.m. A teletype reply was received as instructed from Philadelphia at 11:45 a.m., following receipt of instructions from New York to Philadelphia by telephone at 11:07 a.m.

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Washington Field Office was contacted at its relocation site by telephone at 11:05 a.m. SAC Laughlin was instructed to communicate with the Baltimore Office at Baltimore by the quickest means available and instruct Baltimore to radio the FBI at [REDACTED] within an hour and send the following message, "Re test message. Received message from relocation WFO by (telephone or teletype) at (time)." SAC Laughlin called back at 11:24 a.m. to advise the message was delivered to SAC Brown at Baltimore by telephone at 11:15 a.m. Baltimore was unable

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to reach [REDACTED] by radio and consequently sent a teletype to [REDACTED] received at [REDACTED] at 1:42 p.m. Subsequently Baltimore reached [REDACTED] by radio at 2:10 p.m. The question of radio facilities at [REDACTED] is being covered by a separate memorandum from the Records and Communications Division as stated above.

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2. Emergency Detention Program

In order to make a further communications check and simulate the arrest of a Government employee which would require notification to the interested Government agency, a telephone call was placed at 11:16 a.m. to the St. Louis Office at its headquarters. All circuits were busy to St. Louis. ASAC Moss at St. Louis was reached at 11:22 a.m. and was instructed to call back within an hour indicating the length of time it took St. Louis to reach our [REDACTED] headquarters. At 11:47 a.m. ASAC Moss called back and advised that it took him five minutes to reach [REDACTED] as he placed the call at 11:42 a.m. A call was placed to our Liaison Agent in Washington for the purpose of simulating notification to G-2 that this Government employee was to be apprehended. We then went through the actual procedure of removing and appropriately filing under "Apprehensions" the fictitious Security Index card we had prepared for the subject. A memorandum was prepared to advise G-2 that the subject had been apprehended.

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3. Liaison Test Problem

In order to test the ability of our Liaison Agents, who in an emergency would be stationed with their respective agencies, to reach our [REDACTED] headquarters, three Liaison Agents placed telephone calls from various locations in Washington, D. C., to [REDACTED] during the day. In each instance the Liaison Agent experienced no difficulty in reaching our [REDACTED] headquarters through the emergency telephone lines. The longest time it took a Liaison Agent to reach [REDACTED] was five minutes.

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4. Espionage Subjects in Special Section of Security Index

Espionage subjects carried in the Special Section of the Security Index are not to be apprehended in an emergency without first clearing with the Bureau. This is in order that we will not interfere with an

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May 26, 1955

Re: WAR PLANS - TEST EVACUATION TO [REDACTED]
RELOCATION SITE, MAY 26, 1955

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important espionage investigation which we may desire to continue operating rather than effect an immediate apprehension. As a test we simulated a situation where the Philadelphia Office had called [REDACTED] to request permission to apprehend a fictitious espionage subject. After appropriate consideration was given to the case, a teletype was dispatched to the Communications Division at 11:20 a.m. and dispatched to the Philadelphia Office at 11:33 a.m. This message, which was a substitute for authorization to apprehend the subject, instructed Philadelphia to contact the FBI at [REDACTED] by radio within the hour and advise the exact time that the message from [REDACTED] was received. A radio message was received back from Philadelphia at 2:26 p.m., advising the [REDACTED] message had been received at 11:33 a.m. As stated above, a separate memorandum is being prepared by the Records and Communications Division as to the adequacy of radio facilities at [REDACTED]. The card of the fictitious subject was thereupon removed from the Security Index and filed under "Apprehensions," to be included in the appropriate list of apprehensions to be furnished to the Attorney General at the end of the day. Of course, none of the memoranda which would normally be sent outside of the Bureau will leave the Bureau. The entire relocation operation was confined to Bureau personnel.

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Each Assistant Director present at [REDACTED] today checked those items pertaining to his Division and will submit separate memoranda in the event problems were encountered which require additional attention.

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A separate memorandum is being prepared reflecting, insofar as is possible, the cost of this one-day relocation test.

The test was concluded shortly after 4 p.m. and [REDACTED] at 4:23, arriving at Washington headquarters at [REDACTED]

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Memorandum to Boardman from Belmont

May 26, 1955

Re: WAR PLANS - TEST EVACUATION TO [REDACTED]
RELOCATION SITE, MAY 26, 1955

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EVALUATION OF TEST

This was necessarily a very limited test of what our actual operations would be in an emergency, particularly from a standpoint of volume. Nevertheless, it did reflect that notification of personnel at the Bureau was accomplished promptly and without congestion. The elapsed time between receipt of the simulated alert and the departure of personnel for [REDACTED] was 10 minutes. The personnel were at [REDACTED] ready to work, within [REDACTED] after receipt of the alert. b7E

No difficulty was encountered in telephone communications within the [REDACTED] as there are 60 extensions. Telephone and teletype communications, including encoding and decoding, from [REDACTED] operated efficiently and promptly. No congestion of telephone and teletype communications was experienced. However, congestion undoubtedly would be experienced under the volume of operations in an emergency. b7E

A teletype operator in the Richmond exchange exhibited curiosity concerning the location of our machines. A separate memorandum is being submitted as to this, reflecting that this operator was given no satisfaction and the Special Agent in Charge at Richmond has been instructed to contact the telephone company regarding this.

The direct line to [REDACTED] and the direct line to New York were activated without difficulty. No trouble was experienced with the ten trunk lines leading out of our [REDACTED] switchboard. b7E

SAC Laughlin experienced difficulty with the teletype machine at [REDACTED] and is submitting a separate memorandum.

Radio facilities at [REDACTED] are not adequate to handle even limited traffic with the field. However, the move now under way of the [REDACTED] stations to the [REDACTED] relocation site should provide adequate facilities. b7E

Memorandum to Boardman from Belmont

May 26, 1955

Re: WAR PLANS - TEST EVACUATION TO [REDACTED]
RELOCATION SITE, MAY 26, 1955

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The security at the [REDACTED] appears to be highly adequate. The facilities provided by [REDACTED] were well set up and we had no difficulty operating. Messenger service was set up and administrative filing was accomplished while the test was going on.

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We had no difficulty with the field offices. They handled their assignments promptly.

This one-day test will prove to be of considerable value relative to the forthcoming relocation test in June. Regardless of the forthcoming test, it has shown that we have a workable arrangement now in existence.

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V.
Send memo giving high
points to A. J. & Rogers.
H.

May 26, 1955

ATTACHMENT to Memorandum to Boardman from Belmont
dated May 26, 1955

Re: BUREAU WAR PLANS
TEST EVACUATION TO [REDACTED]
RELOCATION SITE
MAY 26, 1955

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Ten offices were contacted via teletype, radio and telephone and furnished a test message simulating instructions to place the Emergency Detention Program into effect. The message was as follows:

"Communications Test. ReBuairtel May 17, 1955. This is test of communications under emergency conditions. You should contact Bureau Office at [REDACTED] within the hour by (teletype, radio, or telephone) and indicate the amount of time required to actually make contact by the following message: 'Re Test Message. [REDACTED] Office received [REDACTED] message at [REDACTED] (Time). First attempted contact with [REDACTED] (Time).'"

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The times involved in sending to and receiving from these offices are set forth below:

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<u>By</u> <u>Teletype</u>	<u>Sent to</u> <u>Communications</u>	<u>Dispatched by</u> <u>Communications</u>	<u>Attempts by</u> <u>Office to</u> <u>Contact</u>	<u>Actual Reply</u> <u>Received at</u> <u>Eastern Daylight</u> <u>Saving Time</u>
Boston				
Dallas				
Detroit				
San Francisco				

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<u>Via Radio</u>	<u>Sent to</u> <u>Communications</u>	<u>Dispatched by</u> <u>Communications</u>	<u>Attempts by</u> <u>Office to</u> <u>Contact</u>	<u>Actual Reply</u> <u>Received</u> <u>at</u>	<u>Eastern Dayl.</u> <u>Saving Time</u>
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Chicago

Miami

Honolulu

San Juan

Via Telephone

Washington
Field

Pittsburgh

NOTE: All times listed are Eastern
Daylight Saving Time.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *ABW 6-22-55*

DATE: June 17, 1955

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1955

Tolson	✓
Boardman	✓
Nichols	✓
Belmont	✓
Harbo	✓
Mohr	
Parsons	
Rosen	
Tamm	
Sizoo	
Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Holloman	
Gandy	

Mr. Philcox of the Liaison Section accompanied approximately twenty-five members of the White House staff to the White House relocation site on Wednesday, June 15, 1955. The White House relocation site is at Camp David in the Catoctin Mountain National Park near Thurmont, Maryland, approximately seventy-five miles from Washington, D.C. The President was at the relocation site except for the periods when he was attending meetings at [redacted]. There were approximately twelve representatives of the press present at the relocation site. They were allowed to take one photograph of the President at his desk but no photographs outside of the building were allowed. There were four Marine helicopters standing by at the relocation site for use in an emergency. Most of the telephone calls from Camp David were made to other relocation sites via microwave through [redacted]. The switchboard at Camp David handled approximately 1,400 calls on Thursday, June 16, 1955.

After attending a meeting at [redacted] on the morning of June 17, 1955, the President did not return to the relocation site but proceeded to his farm at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Colonel Andrew Goodpaster, Staff Secretary to the President, and Commander Edward Beach, Naval Aide to the President, returned to the relocation site after the meeting at [redacted] and stated that this last meeting had been very helpful in that it demonstrated to many of those present just what is needed in order to operate successfully from a relocation site.

The operation at Camp David ended at approximately 1:30 P.M., June 17, 1955. Enclosed is a copy of the White House plan.

ACTION:

None. This is for information. There were no unforeseen incidents or problems which involved the Bureau.

Enclosure

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12 JUN 23 1955

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - Mr. Philcox

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: June 5, 1955

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: TEST EVACUATION EXERCISE
JUNE 15, 16, 17, 1955

Tolson _____
Boardman _____
Nichols _____
Belmont _____
Harbo _____
Mohr _____
Parsons _____
Rosen _____
Tamm _____
 Sizoo _____
Winterrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
Holloman _____
Gandy _____

There is attached hereto a brief covering the over-all planning for the Bureau's test exercise at [] on June 15, 16 and 17, 1955. The brief covers the activities to be engaged in by Bureau personnel and the manner in which the evacuation will be accomplished.

This brief is being submitted in accordance with the Director's request.

Each division participating in the test exercise will have the responsibility of preparing a separate memorandum reflecting any weaknesses in operations falling within their jurisdiction. Each division will be required to make any suggestions which appear desirable to improve the Bureau's operations under evacuation conditions.

ACTION:

In the event these plans are approved, appropriate instructions will immediately be sent to the field alerting them to their participation in this test exercise.

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Ticklers - Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Harbo
Mr. McArdle

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: June 9, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

Tolson
Boardman
Nichols
Belmont
Mohr
Parsons
Rosen
Tamm
Trotter
Sizoo
Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Holloman
Gandy

For record purposes, Mr. McGuire received a telephone call from [redacted] Assistant Manager of the C&P Telephone Company [redacted] referred to the fact that the Bureau had five long distance circuits direct from [redacted] to the telephone company at [redacted] and that one of these circuits, [redacted] was connected from a phone company at [redacted] to the frame [redacted] but was not run from the frame into the [redacted]. He advised that another agency of the Government needed additional circuits urgently during the period June 15 to June 20 and he wondered if there was any possibility of the FBI releasing [redacted] for this five day period. Mr. [redacted] was told that we did not want to release this circuit under any circumstances.

Shortly thereafter, [redacted] of the telephone company advised Mr. McGuire that the [redacted] needed two loops from the [redacted] where [redacted] is relocating for purposes of the war plans test next week and he wondered if it was possible that the Bureau was not going to be able to use [redacted] during that period and if not, would we be agreeable to releasing that circuit for five days for the use of [redacted]. [redacted] advised that they had absolutely no other circuits that they could provide [redacted] on this last minute basis. [redacted] was informed the Bureau did not want to release [redacted] that he knew the [redacted] had begun construction on a new cable which should be completely installed within the next few days which would give us additional pairs from the [redacted] into our building and that we could thereafter take our FM radio circuit off of [redacted] and have it reconnected to our switchboard prior to the test next Wednesday, June 15, and accordingly, we could not give up [redacted]. [redacted] stated he understood and he was going through the motions of making the request. He advised the telephone company was able to provide one circuit to [redacted] and that it was going to be up to [redacted] to make some other arrangements. No further action is required.

CC: Mr. Belmont

CC: Mr. Wherry

JUN 10 1955 [redacted]

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JUN 21 1955

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: June 14, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS
OPERATION ALERT 1955
AIR RAID DRILL

Tolson _____
Boardman _____
Nichols _____
Belmont _____
Harbo _____
Mohr _____
Parsons _____
Rosen _____
Tamm _____
Sizoo _____
Winterrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
Holloman _____
Gandy _____

At 2:05 p.m. June 15, 1955, the District of Columbia air raid siren will blow throughout the District of Columbia. This is scheduled to include an air raid test for all of the metropolitan Washington area. The Bureau was advised by Mr. Albright, air raid coordinator of the Department, that no part of the Department of Justice would take part in this air raid drill.

For your information, at 10 a.m. June 15, 1955, the test exercises for the Bureau will commence. Shortly after 10 a.m. selected personnel will proceed to [] for the purpose of the 3-day test exercises. At 12:05 p.m. June 15, 1955, the Klaxon horn in the Department of Justice will sound commencing the "curb" air raid drill. Instructions were issued by memorandum dated June 9, 1955, to all Assistant Directors and other Bureau officials advising that the Bureau would take part in this latter drill. This latter drill is a complete evacuation of the Department of Justice building with all personnel scheduled to leave the building and stand for approximately 10 minutes in the area between the street curb and the building.

This latter group drill should not be confused with the 2:05 p.m. air raid drill in which the Bureau will not participate.

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cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Holloman
Mr. Sizoo
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. McArdle
Mr. Fipp

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Memorandum to Mr. Boardman

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Inasmuch as the Department is not participating in the 2:05 p.m. air raid drill on June 15, we will not participate and all divisions should so advise employees.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. R. R. ROACH

DATE: June 17, 1955

FROM : MR. O. H. BARTLETT

SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS
OPERATION ALERT 1955

Tolson _____
 Boardman _____
 Nichols _____
 Belmont _____
 Harbo _____
 Mohr _____
 Parsons _____
 Rosen _____
 Tamm _____
 Sizoo _____
 Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

Mr. Willis of the Department of Justice, Code 197, Extension 956, telephoned today (6-17-55) and asked if the Bureau planned to submit a report concerning its participation in Operation Alert 1955. He asked if so when the Bureau planned to submit it and to whom. He said that Justice plans to submit a preliminary report to the Office of Defense Mobilization by noon, Tuesday, June 21, 1955. Mr. Willis stated that the Justice report would be a preliminary report and that they would not necessarily have to have the Bureau's report prior to that time.

I advised Mr. Willis that the Bureau would prepare a report on our participation in Operation Alert 1955 and would submit it to the Attorney General early next week.

ACTION:

For your information.

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1 - Mr. Bartlett

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JUN 29 1955

55 JUN 29 1955

cc: Branigan
Baumgardner
Roach

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: June 15, 1955

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1955

Tolson	✓
Boardman	✓
Nichols	✓
Belmont	✓
Harbo	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Sizoo	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

The following is a brief resume of activities at [redacted] up to 11:00 p.m., June 15, 1955. If the Director desires further information on any point, we will amplify.

The alert was sounded by Belmont at 10:00 a.m. Persons scheduled for relocation were accounted for by 10:09 a.m., and [redacted] Justice Building at 10:10 a.m., arriving at [redacted] Last arrival at [redacted] Justice relocation was notified FBI was operational at [redacted]

An alert message was sent to all Field Offices by either telephone, radio or teletype. Action started at 12:10 p.m., and finished 2:23 p.m.:

TELEPHONE: 11 offices - completed 12:45 p.m. Longest time to contact 14 minutes (circuits busy). Average time about 2 minutes. Washington Field Office direct line in [redacted] inoperative. Contacted by teletype. (See section: DELAYS below).

RADIO: 10 offices - first message sent 12:41 p.m. Last message 1:27 p.m. Coding took 17 minutes.

TELETYPE: 31 offices - first message sent 1:14 p.m. Last message sent 2:23 p.m.

We repeatedly needed the Department through our Liaison Agents at Justice relocation and [redacted] to get authority from Attorney General to implement our Emergency Detention Program and the program of taking into custody enemy diplomats. The President arrived at [redacted] at 2:00 p.m. and the Attorney General at 2:10 p.m. President made a radio address and then the Inter-Assembly Group met shortly after 3:17 p.m. At 3:58 p.m.,

AHB:hmm
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cc: Belmont
Parsons
Mohr

DeLoach
Mason

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LIAISON

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

our Liaison from Justice advised Attorney General had approved arrest of dangerous enemy aliens only. At 4:00 p.m., our Liaison advised Attorney General had approved program involving enemy diplomats.

We had Liaison recontact Deputy AG Rogers to be sure only dangerous enemy aliens had been approved for pick-up. I contacted Rankin at [] personally to verify this. b7E

PROTECTIVE CUSTODY ENEMY DIPLOMATS

At 4:41 p.m. (completed 4:43 p.m.) Washington Field Office at relocation site was telephonically notified to contact Baltimore Office at once and have Baltimore radio us within an hour. At 4:47 p.m. (completed 4:50 p.m.), New York Office telephonically instructed to contact Philadelphia Office and have them teletype us within the hour. These calls simulated this program. Confirming teletype sent to Code Room 5:02 p.m., and dispatched to New York 5:39 p.m. Reply teletype received from Philadelphia 5:05 p.m. and radio message from Baltimore at 5:50 p.m. No delay was encountered in this program.

Total [] personnel involved:
New York - [] 192; [] 149; - Washington - [] 271;
[] 143; TOTAL - 755. As Washington, D. C., and New York were both either evacuated or bombed, according to Civil Defense teletypes prior to authority for apprehension of diplomats, number apprehended is strictly problematical. b7E

EMERGENCY DETENTION PROGRAM

After instructions were verified through Rankin that Program restricted to dangerous enemy aliens, all Offices notified (simulated) to apprehend dangerous enemy aliens on Security Index; 14 by telephone, 15 by teletype, and 23 by radio. Replies were required from each office within 2 hours.

Telephone calls placed from 4:53 p.m., to 5:52 p.m. Replies received from 5:03 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. No delays. Longest time for us to make contact 13 minutes. Longest time for field to make contact with us 10 minutes.

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

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Radio and teletype messages placed starting 5:38 p.m., and ending 7:16 p.m. All replies received by 8:37 p.m. Longest delay encountered by office attempting to reach [redacted] was 1 hour, 27 minutes. (Teletype from Oklahoma City).

A check of dangerous aliens of our Security Index reflects a total of 211 enemy aliens representing the Soviet bloc. The remainder of the 481 aliens on our Security Index are not citizens of iron curtain countries. The number of these aliens who would be apprehended as of this time is problematical because Civil Defense teletype received 9:15 p.m. June 15, stated 54 cities had been hit with 6,957,000 fatalities and over five million injured, and 15 million displaced. (You may wish to mention this figure of 211 to the Attorney General as in effect it represents total number of arrests he authorized by his first instructions.)

At 4:50 p.m. our liaison at Justice advised that Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Tompkins were trying to contact the Attorney General recommending authorization to effect the arrest of citizens on the Security Index but the Attorney General was en route from [redacted]

At 6:10 p.m. our liaison advised that the Attorney General had authorized the arrest of all other persons on the Security Index, both citizens and aliens. According to "Telescope Timetable" 6:10 p.m. would be D-Day plus three and consequently some 22 thousand persons would have been allowed to run free to commit sabotage and go into hiding prior to authorization for their arrest. Under the bombing conditions as set forth by Civil Defense above and the delay in authorizing arrests, it is impossible to say what success could be achieved in making the arrests of the more than 22 thousand persons. (You may wish to point this out to the Attorney General.) b7E

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

OTHER PROBLEMS WORKED

Other problems, as set forth in our brief on this exercise, were:

1. [redacted] tested and operated 11:05 a.m. b7E

2. Laboratory sent teletypes to Newark and Philadelphia requesting handwriting from Communist suspect and simulated secret ink message.

3. List of dangerous aliens of non-enemy nations attached to United Nations and its international organizations prepared for Attorney General and Secretary of State for decision as to action. (Not sent.)

4. Radioactivity detection meter set up at [redacted] for periodic readings of radioactivity. b7E

5. All our Liaison Agents who relocated with their agencies had established contact with us from relocation sites by 2:59 p.m.

6. Current list of Security Index subjects, showing last-minute changes, secured from Washington.

7. Four offices contacted on simulated problem requiring taking into custody 4 enemy diplomats touring the United States. One problem simulated New York securing Bureau authority to arrest espionage subject. We simulated problem concerning subjects in Special Section of Security Index, consulting State Department concerning status of pro-Tito Yugoslavs, foreign government employees, United Nations employees; considered espionage subjects, as to whether they should be apprehended; and simulated notification of appropriate Government agencies as to arrests of U. S. Government employees on Security Index.

8. We contacted telephonically St. Louis Office on simulated problem involving arrest of civilian employee of Department of Army at arsenal in St. Louis and appropriate notification of Government agency of arrest.

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

OTHER PROBLEMS WORKED (continued)

9. A memorandum was prepared showing number of Security Index subjects in each office, in order to consider need to transfer Special Agents to assist where necessary.

10. We contacted Savannah by teletype, simulating instructions to investigate probable [REDACTED] b7E

11. A memorandum was prepared recommending the setting up of a new Section in the Domestic Intelligence Division to handle sabotage, in view of expected heavy influx of these cases.

AVAILABILITY CHECKS

Beginning at 10:00 p.m., calls were placed to the following offices instructing availability checks of Agents at headquarters cities be made and reported to Bureau by teletype: New York, Boston, Atlanta, Miami, and New Haven. Instructions given to SACs except at Boston and Miami, where instructions were given to night supervisor, who was instructed contact the SAC and advise him of the Bureau instructions. Weeks of Miami was en route to the office at time of the call. Powers of Boston was in ~~Providence~~, Rhode Island. Results of these checks not yet known. You will be advised.

PROBLEMS RECEIVED FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES

1. Office of Defense Mobilization coded teletype received 3:58 p.m. reporting Communist infiltration in labor union for Copper Smelter and Refinery at Garfield, Utah, and asking investigation actual or threatened damage and advice on measures for protecting facilities. Coded teletype reply sent 8:19 p.m., advising immediate investigation instituted at designated refinery for possible sabotage; that intensive investigation previously conducted concerning Communist infiltration in labor union and that reports have been furnished to G-2 as Army has security responsibility for plant; that Army being alerted locally, and suggesting ODM contact Army re protecting facilities, as this is their responsibility.

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

PROBLEMS RECEIVED FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES (continued)

2. Teletype received 10:53 p.m. from General Services Administration, advising personnel records at Federal Records Center, St. Louis, and Civil Service Retirement Records at Washington completely destroyed; instructing maximum practical protection be given to personnel records, pay roll records, and service records in custody of Federal agencies. Reply sent by teletype 12:37 a.m., June 16: "Records secured [redacted] FBI records exempted Federal Records Center Storage." [redacted] code name for FBI relocation site.)

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Referral/Consult

4. At 12:13 a.m., June 16, a radiogram was received from Justice requesting Bureau to report as to damage to St. Louis Tierright Shoe Manufacturing Company and transmit information to U. S. Attorney at St. Louis and to Justice. Liaison had advised us at 10:27 p.m. that this was being sent as a test message. Reply radiogram being sent for information: "Uncap. Your message June 15, '55 re problem No. 10 received and request handled. Uncap." We are not contacting the U. S. Attorney.

Memorandum for the Director

DELAYS

Listed below are some of the delays encountered today:

(1) When we tried to reach Washington Field Office over direct telephone line to [] the line was inoperative. Contact was made with the telephone company who advised that the trouble developed in the central office connection and not on the [] line and the difficulty has been fully corrected.

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(2) Authorization for the Emergency Detention Program and the program involving custody of enemy diplomats. This was covered in detail above.

(3) Despite the fact that employees in the Code Room worked assiduously without going to lunch the volume was so great that delays occurred in coding. We will have to take this into account in an emergency.

(4) Liaison Agent at AEC had difficulty reaching us because of faulty AEC communications at relocation site.

(5) We had difficulty reaching Liaison Agent at [] due to confusion existing in communications at []

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(6) Our Liaison Agent at Camp David was delayed in reaching [] due to faulty handling of his call at the relay at [] and finally had to come through Washington exchange which would not have been possible had Washington been bombed as indicated by Civilian Defense.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REQUEST

This evening Liaison Agent Daunt advised he had talked with the Attorney General who asked for information on the route to [] Daunt gave him details on how to reach [] The Attorney General

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Memorandum for the Director

asked Daunt as to the number of pickups made on dangerous aliens. I thought the Director might want to tell the Attorney General on the morning of June 16 that the total number of dangerous enemy aliens on the Security Index is 211 and point out the number apprehended is problematical in view of the evacuation and bombing as reflected by Civilian Defense reports; also that the delay in authorizing the apprehension of the 22,000 other subjects on the Security Index plus extensive damage to 54 cities according to Civilian Defense at 9:15 p. m. makes it impossible to determine the success of the apprehension program; that the delay in authorizing taking into custody enemy diplomats until after Washington and New York were evacuated or bombed makes it impossible to advise the number of enemy diplomats who could be apprehended. If the Director desires that we have Liaison Agent Daunt handle this with the Attorney General, we will do so.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: June 16, 1955

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS
SURVEY RELOCATION SITES

Tolson _____
 Boardman _____
 Nichols _____
 Belmont ☒ _____
 Harbo _____
 Mohr _____
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 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

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Pursuant to Mr. Tolson's inquiry concerning the possible relocation site at [redacted]

there is enclosed a memorandum from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman dated June 10, 1955, setting forth a survey as to [redacted] b7E

This institution is approximately [redacted] miles from [redacted] miles from Washington, D. C., via U. S. and State highways.

No survey has been made concerning [redacted] as a possible relocation site; however, there is enclosed a memorandum from Mr. Roach to Mr. Belmont dated May 26, 1955, indicating the [redacted] b7E

[redacted] is being used by G-2 as a relocation site but that provisions could be made for housing the Bureau for relocation purposes. [redacted] is approximately [redacted] miles from [redacted] and [redacted] miles from Washington, D. C., via U. S. and State highways.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. This is for your information.

Enclosures

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cc - Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Belmont
 Mr. John Sullivan
 Mr. Roach
 Mr. McArdle
 Mr. Martin

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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1 Mr. Boardman
1 Mr. Belmont
1 Mr. McArdle
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. June 21, 1955

Transmit the following message to: SAC, NORFOLK

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WAR PLANS - SURVEY FOR NEW RELOCATION SITE

Reurairtel June 15, 1955. The Bureau, after mature consideration of the [redacted] and the restrictions which Mr. [redacted] has placed thereon, has decided to give no further consideration to that institution for a new relocation site at this time. You are to recontact Mr. [redacted] thank him for such considerations as he gave you on his previous interview, advise him that the Bureau has decided not to pursue the [redacted] situation at this time and request that he refrain from mentioning your prior interview to Messrs. [redacted] since the Bureau desires to keep this matter extremely confidential.

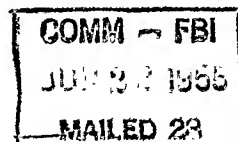
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Cover memo Belmont to Boardman, 6/20/55, captioned
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AIR MAIL

6/15/55

FBI NORFOLK

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

DIRECTOR (AIR MAIL)-(REGISTERED)

SURVEY FOR NEW RELOCATION SITE.

ReBuAirtel 6/6/55.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Sizoo	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

ROACH

[redacted] Newport News, Va., advised [redacted] owned by [redacted] Three controlling stock holders are [redacted] Richmond, Va., who is also Vice President of [redacted] a Baltimore, Md. [redacted] and [redacted] actually control corporation, but [redacted] would not consider taking action on any matter of major importance without including [redacted] as matter of courtesy. [redacted] advised he would not make any commitment at this time concerning possible use of [redacted] Stated that from business standpoint it would undoubtedly be "bad business." Feels that if space was used for offices he would most probably have to release his entire [redacted] staff, the [redacted] would lose its identity as an established institution, and he would have to rebuild his whole [redacted] Quoted ANDREW CARNEGIE as stating that someone could take all his money and all his factories, but he would not part with his organization and personnel as he could always rebuild as long as his organization and personnel were intact.

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[redacted] expressed concern over possibility that Government might construe word "emergency" in loose fashion and "condemn" and thus arbitrarily take over [redacted] was specifically informed that such action is contrary to the Bureau's way of doing business, that there was no aspect of compulsion involved in any manner, and that no action would be taken unless terms were worked out on a mutually friendly and agreeable basis.

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Vital functions of Bureau were generally reviewed with [redacted] for purpose of indicating tremendous responsibilities FBI has in event of emergency. During initial phase of interview [redacted] was coldly receptive to any arrangements affecting [redacted] but after discussing matter with him at some length he appeared much more receptive to idea and indicated he would give matter careful study to determine whether any mutually satisfactory arrangement might possibly be worked out.

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Mr. Belmont INDEXED - 15

Mr. Mohr

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(4)

Approved: [signature] Special Agent in Charge

Sent [] M Per []

*Not to Boardman
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Airtel
6-21-55
yhw:man*

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[] stated that prior to time he would consider making any definite commitment on matter, he desired more specific data, including answers to following questions:

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- (1) How much space is presently needed for stand-by facilities?
- (2) How much personnel would be involved in maintaining and operating stand-by facilities?
- (3) What security precautions would it be necessary for the [] to take with respect to stand-by facilities, which would include telephone, teletype, and radio equipment?
- (4) Does the Bureau have any objection toward [] contacting [] on a highly confidential basis to determine what their attitude might be with respect to this matter?
- (5) Exact and precise definition of the word "emergency" as construed by the Bureau.

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[] was specifically asked whether he interposed any objection toward Bureau contacting [] independently prior to time he had any consultation with them on matter. [] stated he would consider this procedure undesirable from his standpoint and very definitely favored having an opportunity to confer with [] prior to contacts by Bureau.

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[] was tactfully advised that if actual state of emergency existed he need not be too concerned over maintaining his [] as activities in that business, as well as many others, would most probably not have any semblance of normality. He agreed this was true, but stated he was still looking at the matter from a purely business standpoint and that while he thought a great deal of the Director and the Bureau he found it difficult at this time from a layman's standpoint to visualize an actual emergency. He stated that if a real emergency existed he would of course feel a definite moral obligation to assist the Government.

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At conclusion of interview [] agreed to keep matter status quo pending receipt of additional information he desired. Stated in meantime he would not discuss this matter with anyone. Advised that if possible he would like to have necessary data within next week so that, if necessary, machinery might be placed in motion for more formal consideration of matter at a stockholders' meeting scheduled for 7/2/55, at which time he will have occasion to meet with []

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[] is member of wealthy family in []. He is approximately [] years of age and a graduate of [] family has good

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Special Agent in Charge

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reputation in community but also has reputation of driving hard bargains. As illustration, when [redacted] died about two years ago, he bequeathed over [redacted] but stipulated that before [redacted] could accept the money the name of the [redacted] would have to be changed to [redacted] b6 b7C

Suggest Bureau request Richmond and Baltimore to conduct highly discreet inquiry and check indices re [redacted] respectively. If both individuals appear to be reliable, it is then recommended that Bureau furnish additional facts concerning specific points raised by [redacted] and authorize me to inform [redacted] it will be permissible to discuss this matter on highly confidential basis with [redacted]. Although [redacted] is looking at matter at this time from cold business standpoint, I am of opinion that he can most probably be swung around to point where he would be receptive to arrangements concerning hotel. b6 b7C

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

MR. J. WALLS
RELOCATION COORDINATOR
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DIRECTOR, FBI

RELOCATION - COMMUNICATIONS

- 2 - orig. and dupl.
- 1 - yellow
- 1 - Mr. Nichols
- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Boardman
- June 3, 1955
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Section tickler

This will confirm the oral agreement previously arrived at between Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) radio engineers and personnel of the FBI Laboratory relative to radio communications between the relocation site of the Department of Justice and the relocation site of the FBI.

I have been advised that the tactical call letters will be [redacted] designated as the Departmental relocation site at [redacted] being the main control station of the [redacted] and [redacted] being the FBI contact. It is my understanding that the daytime frequency to be used is 4017.5 kilocycles, and the nighttime frequency is to be 2022 kilocycles.

All radio calls coming from the Department during the forthcoming relocation test and in an actual emergency will be answered by the central radio receiving station of the FBI and thereafter relayed by appropriate means to the FBI relocation site.

- 1 - Commissioner
- Immigration and Naturalization Service

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NOTE:

The foregoing tactical call letters and radio frequencies have been orally agreed to by Mr. Walls, Chief Radio Technician of INS who will operate radio communications facilities for the Department of Justice at their relocation site and Supervisor A. J. Baker of the FBI Laboratory. There have been certain test communications between the radio facilities of the Department of Justice and the FBI radio station at [redacted]

NOTE: See cover memo Millen to Parsons 6-6-55, AJB:KMB

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: June 10, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - SURVEY
NEW RELOCATION SITE

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Pursuant to the Director's authorization in my memorandum of May 27, 1955, [redacted] (white), [redacted]

[redacted] N. W., Washington, D. C., was contacted in his offices 6/8/55 by Special Agents P. L. Cox and J. E. McArdle, both of the Domestic Intelligence Division. A discreet inquiry was made concerning their plans for future use of [redacted] inasmuch as the FBI might be interested in considering part of the premises as facilities outside of the Washington metropolitan area.

[redacted] advised that the [redacted] had voted to suspend the operation of the [redacted] for one year beginning August 31, 1955, during which time they planned to consider the ultimate disposition to be made of the [redacted]. He stated that it had been a financial burden inasmuch as it had been operating at a loss. He stated that in the past the [redacted] had supplied approximately \$20,000 a year in the interest of furthering [redacted] but that this fund had been stopped due to the fact that there are other adequate [redacted] for such purpose. He stated that in his opinion there is little chance that it can be reopened as an [redacted]. He stated that there are [redacted] all of brick or stone construction, and that there are many other buildings situated on the [redacted] including certain [redacted].

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In regard to the [redacted] he stated that [redacted] which has served as a [redacted] is in poor condition. [redacted] which houses the offices for the [redacted] as well as [redacted] and [redacted] and an [redacted] on the second floor is in very good condition, according to [redacted]. The [redacted] seats approximately 250. Situated nearby in this group of [redacted] are [redacted] and [redacted]. Those two buildings are presently used as [redacted]. [redacted] is a comparatively new building and he believed it to be in excellent condition. He stated that [redacted] was in fair condition. The basement of [redacted] contains [redacted] facilities.

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Enclosure
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1 Mr. Roach
1 Mr. McArdle
1 Mr. Nichols
1 Mr. Boardman
1 Mr. Belmont
1 Mr. Mohr
1 Mr. Harbo
1 Mr. Parsons

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

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and in addition has an unfinished area capable of seating approximately 100 people. The [] in this group is the [] This is a smaller building than the others mentioned and is reported to be in very good condition.

[] while indicating that he was certain that the [] would never be reopened as such advised that the [] are obligated to use the [] or the funds therefrom for the furtherance of [] and indicated that there should be no difficulty in arranging a lease or purchase arrangement for the [] and suggested that [] employed in the Department of Defense at the Pentagon, should be consulted inasmuch as [] was probably the best informed concerning the entire situation relating to []

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A review of the Bureau's indices reflects nothing of a subversive nature concerning [] Pursuant to Mr. Belmont's instruction, Mr. [] was interviewed on 6/8/55. [] is [] of Air Force (Material). [] stated he is a [] and that he, was very much interested in any kind of arrangement regarding the use of [] by the Bureau. He furnished substantially the same information regarding the [] concerning which [] had commented. He stated that he could only speak for himself but that he felt that the [] would be interested in selling or leasing any portion of the property. He went on to say that he believed the [] would consider a lease-purchase arrangement by which the funds paid on a yearly lease would be applied toward ultimate purchase of the property. He was advised that this was one of several pieces of property outside the Washington area in which the Bureau was interested and that our inquiry was limited to the availability of the property if, upon inspection, it would meet our needs. [] made available an insurance report concerning [] in October, 1953, by [] Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which purports to be a survey of the [] facilities from an insurance standpoint. This survey was loaned by [] with the understanding that any or all of it could be reproduced if we so desired. This insurance report is attached. Included in the report is a map showing the layout of [] It also contains photographs of all of the []

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[] called attention to the fact that the [] is presently located between []. He stated that this building was being sought by the [] and would probably be removed from the site and placed at its original location near the [] in downtown []

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According to [] the [] is valued at between eight and nine hundred thousand dollars and it was his opinion that a five per cent return on their investment, depending upon the number of buildings in which we would be interested, would be satisfactory, and a lease could be worked out to the mutual satisfaction of the [] and the FBI. [] pointed out that most of the deficiencies, including electrical wiring, described in the attached insurance report have been corrected and that he believed that the cost of renovation would not be at all excessive.

OBSERVATIONS:

As a result of the conversations with [] and [] it appears that there is a strong possibility [] could be leased in whole or in part. Both men intimated that the property would be sitting idle and there was little likelihood that the [] would ever again be used as an [] and would, therefore, be nonproductive insofar as the [] was concerned.

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[] were both impressed with the confidential nature of the interview and were requested not to discuss the matter with [] at this time.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that a representative of the Administrative Division, the Laboratory Division, the Domestic Intelligence Division, and the Records and Communications Division be sent to [] to inspect the physical plant of [] to determine the state of repair, the adequacy of space and the general desirability of further negotiations for that institution as a relocation site or such other use as the Bureau might see fit for it.

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[] advised that he would be out of town Thursday of this week and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, but he would be in his office Friday of this week and if called would arrange for Bureau personnel to inspect the [] facilities. He suggested that the Bureau representatives might desire to make such an inspection without disclosing their identities and this could be done posing under the disguise of an engineering survey, which arrangements he would make.

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I suggest we hold up on this until we further explore the []